



Apoio Ministries

The McCutchen's Missionaries to São Paulo, Brazil

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

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God is filling our cup and it's running over! So many great things are happening with *Apoio Ministries*! In March, we were with Pastor Scott at Twin Oaks Baptist. They filled three footlockers for our children's ministries! Thank you, thank you! April took us to Victory Baptist Church in Weatherford, Pastor Chuck Wetherbee. They donated *two* footlockers and several gently used computers and laptops for the seminary students and our national pastors to use. *What a wonderful blessing!* Our dear friend, Patricia Birdwell, launched a fundraiser for *Apoio Ministries* using *Younique Cosmetics*. Thank you to all who ordered. Thank you, Patricia, for giving us your commission! We appreciate you!



It was a joy to be with Pastor Rick Hargrove, Gateway Baptist in Tuscola to report and pick up a container full of Sunday school supplies. The Backpack Mission Kids filled a container for *Apoio Ministries*! Thank you, Sharon Walker!

At the beginning of May, we made our way to Houston for Dana's injections that she receives for her Blepharospasm. On the way, we reported to Deer Park Baptist where Pastor Doug Harris is doing a great job! Dana and I had already begun asking the Lord to supply the transportation funds for the fifteen footlockers, full of resources for our children's ministries that we would be sending air cargo. After services, a family approached us about our transportation needs for our footlockers. The husband works for a trucking company and offered to take our footlockers from Arlington to Houston! Wow! God is amazing! He knows our need even before we speak it.

One of our dear friends, Pastor Chad Guillon, recently phoned me about his desire to support more children. Beverly Abbott runs a Christian school at Pastor Chad's church. Beverly wanted something tangible for the kids, so she began a fundraiser, "*Dollars for Apoio*" for the month of April. The church would match the children's offering. The kids offering was \$3,500! So, with

the church matching the school's offering, the total was \$7,000! Dana and I were jumping with joy! *Apoio Ministries* could now support 32 children!

God's provision didn't stop there! A few weeks ago, we were at one of our supporting churches, Trinity Baptist in Big Spring. After our video presentation and a brief message, I was about to sit down when Pastor Scott asked me to stay the platform. He asked about the cost of sending a child to the day school for a year. Now, mind you, Trinity had already sent in a substantial offering to support a seminary student! I told him the cost, and he started calculating. He asked the church if they could raise an offering to support 18 more children, bringing the number to 50! Dana and I were speechless! On top of that, he learned that we had approximately 15 footlockers for the children's ministries. He increased that to five more, bringing the total to 20 footlockers! And to think that it all began with one footlocker from Sharon Walker's Backpack Mission Kids! We were truly amazed at God's goodness!



God's goodness continued with the ability to support our second national pastor, Zenildo and his wife, Edinéia. She was saved in our bible club in 1993. Now, she's serving alongside her husband in Mato Grosso, located in the middle of the country. They are resurrecting an abandoned work that had been left for eight years and littered with drug paraphernalia. Praise the Lord that other Brazilian churches are stepping up to the plate and contributing financially to resurrect this work!

Pastor Silvio continues on the border of Brazil and Paraguay. He is actually working in both countries, establishing new works. They have already seen many souls saved! He, his wife Elinete, and their daughter Sara are doing a fantastic work for the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Thank you, Pastors, for your steadfastness in the Lord's work! We appreciate all you do for us as a family, *Apoio Ministries*, and world missions! God is Great! Thank you so much for the support. Would you be so kind and allow us to receipt you in our next prayer letter in July, because we are making preparations to return to Brazil in June. I am also finishing up my Cardiac rehab. Thank you for praying for us!

Till He Comes Again,

Mark and Dana McCutchen

