



The McCutchen's Missionaries to São Paulo, Brazil

Dear Pastors and Praying Friend,

March 13, 2017

"Life's challenges are God's appointments."

Have you ever been at that place when you weren't sure what God was doing? That was us in January when God chose to delay our return to Brazil because of my massive heart attack. Since our January prayer letter, I've had a nuclear stress test (*I should have studied better*), and one more heart catheterization. I'm reminded that God's Ways are not always our ways. The second heart cath revealed that there is still a 50% blockage in the main artery where the stent was placed. The other artery is now 50% blocked instead of 70%, so we're making progress.

I'm in the second week of cardiac rehab where they are gradually pushing me to strengthen my heart. *What fun!* The next several weeks of cardiac rehab will entail *strengthening* my heart, *nutrition* information, and *lifestyle* changes. During this time of recovery, we'll be able to visit some of our supporting churches and report on what's happening in our works and in *Apoio Ministries*. Continue to **pray** for my health as I recover.

We're thrilled to announce great things that are happening with *Apoio Ministries!*

- Pastor Silvio, our first national pastor, supported by *Apoio Ministries*, is planting a church on the border of Paraguay and Brazil.
- God's people have committed to send 5 students to seminary for four years.
- The day school in Paraisópolis now has 22 children enrolled in their program. Through generous donations from friends, family, and churches, Apoio Ministries is able to offer a safe place and spiritual guidance for these precious kiddos.
- We have approximately seven footlockers for our "*Fill A Footlocker Campaign*". We **need** your help to fill more. These supplies will go to Silvio and the future churches that will be planted in São Paulo and throughout Brazil.

Please check out our website at apoioministries.com that has more exciting news about this new extension of our ministry in Brazil. Check out our "*live video updates*" on Facebook that we have given since January about Apoio Ministries and my health update.

Both of our works are growing strong in number and spiritual maturity. Our teachers have stepped up to the plate in our absence. We are so grateful to have men and women who are sold out for Christ. We covet your prayers as these two works are facing many challenges from the violence and fires that are occurring in São Paulo.

Special prayer request: Since my heart attack, I still have \$2,000 of out of pocket expenses. If you feel led to help with this need, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for your steadfast prayers and support!

Thankfully received,

Till He Comes,

____ \$75 ____ Nov – Dec

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