



The Todd Times

A Prayer Newsletter

website – www.todd-brazil.org

Second Quarter, 2002

OUR WEBSITE HAS CHANGED

Thanks to Web Missions for all the hard work they have done in building our new website! We appreciate all they have done!!! You can look at our new site at:

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Your Prayers Are Being Answered!

- Our recent travels have provided us with an overwhelming response to prayer support commitments. We now have 356 prayer partners! (Only 44 to go!) We want to welcome all those who are new to our team! Our continued thanks and appreciation to those of you who have been praying!

- Our faith promise is currently at 64%! Some of the churches we are visiting this quarter have not specified any faith promise. We have faith that God will continue to provide. Thanks for continuing to pray regarding our support.

- Sandi has completely recovered from her surgery. She has returned to her part-time job.

- Stephanie has a new Kid's Hope child to tutor. She has been meeting with her regularly.

- Things are starting to "click" for us with Portuguese. We now have a small vocabulary. We continue to struggle with pronunciation – that will only come with exposure our tutor says.

- Stephanie got her driver's license!!

- Travel has been safe. We had the God's protection when we traveled to Allendale, Michigan during the winter storm the weekend of March 9. He also watched over us during our two-week trip that took us from Michigan to Alabama and back home.

- Sam and Elie are all over their illness. Sam's appointment with the ENT doctor went well. His tubes were still in place and the doctor saw no reason for additional treatment.

Prayer Concerns

- We are still in need of a church to sponsor and produce our newsletter. This is a pressing need, since we will not be able to keep up the mailing of the newsletter from Brazil. Please pray for the Lord to provide in this area.

- Sandi is working on a weight management program. Pray for self-control and strength from the Lord as she begins to make changes in this area of her life.

- We go for our final round of immunizations on June 24. The kids are not looking forward to it. Pray for them that they would be relaxed and ready when the time comes.

- We attempted to start our applications for our visas on April 5. Once we got to the Brazilian Consulate, we found out that we did not have all of the paperwork necessary for the process. This process has been a tedious one, getting all of the legal paperwork together and such. Once we get everything together, Jim and I will

need to travel to Chicago, IL, get our paperwork from the United States legalized by the Brazilian Consulate, then submit our applications for visas along with all of the paperwork. Then, the applications and all of the supporting documentation will travel to the country of Brazil where they will either approve or deny the visa. This process can take up to four months. Please pray with us that the visas will be approved and that they will be done in a timely fashion (God's timing, of course!).

- We are scheduled to leave for the field on July 25, 2002. There are a lot of factors that have to be met in order for us to be able to leave. We must have all of our prayer partners and faith promise in and we must have our visas issued from the Brazilian government. Pray for God's provision in regard to prayer partners and faith promises. Pray for God's hand to be on this whole process so that nothing will hold it up.

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Are You a Webmaster?

Now that our site is built, we are looking for someone who would like to keep our site up to date. If you are interested in this and have the ability to do so, please contact us by phone at 1-877-521-3397 or e-mail Jim at jjim@todd-brazil.org.

Home Ministries

Here's where we've been and where we're going this quarter.

4/7/02 – Cicero Wesleyan Church (Indiana North)

4/14/02 – LaOtto Wesleyan Church (Indiana North)

4/17/02 through 4/21/02 – Warsaw Wesleyan Church (Indiana North)

4/27/02-4/28/02 – Troy Wesleyan Church (Tri-State)

5/5/02 – Schuyler Avenue Wesleyan Church, morning (Indiana North); Beaver Creek Wesleyan Church, evening (Indiana North)

5/26/02 – College Wesleyan Church for Jim's ordination and Sandi's commissioning service

6/10/02 through 6/28/02 – Missionary Training Institute, Frankfort, Indiana

7/25/02 – Tentative date to leave for Brazil

Dates that are not listed during any particular month are still open to be scheduled. Please call us if you would like us to speak at your church or other function.

What Are The Kids Up To?

Now that Stephanie has her license, she is able to drive herself to work and to other activities. This new freedom has been an adjustment for her and for us as parents. She wants to go **everywhere, all of the time!** Letting go a little at a time, we realize that she is growing up WAY too fast! Her studies are going well. She has started Algebra 1 and should finish this subject by the end of the school year.

Chelsea has replaced her pet snake, Curly, with 8 fiddler crabs. These crabs were leftover bait that she and Jim bought to go fishing down in Alabama, but they did not use them all. She brought them home and put them in her 10-gallon aquarium. She is having fun watching them burrow.

She has been going to an after school program at church and having fun playing games with other kids.

She recently made a new friend. The person who has been building our website has a son about her age.

They have been e-mailing and exchanging photos with each other.

Elie continues to do well with her reading. She is now practicing sight words. She has two loose teeth that have been very stubborn in coming out. I'm sure she will lose them by the end of the quarter. She is constantly pre-occupied with how old she will be when we get to Brazil and will she have her birthday before or after we get there. Of course, we cannot answer that one yet.

Sam continues to be a bundle of surprises! He started speaking in sentences all of the sudden and his vocabulary has doubled, it seems.

He continues to test boundaries by exercising his very strong lungs in irritating screams. He wasn't very thrilled about the rides at the Universal Studio theme park we took the kids to in April. He dislocated his elbow the other day too. It took us a while to figure out what was going on with him. We ended up going to the emergency room and getting x-rays that didn't show anything. When the doctor looked at it, he immediately noticed the dislocation. He popped his elbow back in place and about 10 minutes later, Sam was up running around like nothing ever happened.

We took the kids to Universal Studios for a couple of days during the two weeks we were away. They all had a great time riding rides and just goofing off. Mom and Dad were exhausted!!!

Words of the Quarter

With each newsletter we want to introduce you to words and/or phrases in Portuguese. The following are words with date/time associations.

ontém – yesterday
hoje – today (h is silent)
amanhã – tomorrow
agora – now
manhã- morning
horas – hours (h is silent)
dias – days (d sounds like g)
semanas – weeks
meses – months
anos – year