



# The Todd Times

A Prayer Newsletter

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2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Fourth Quarter, 2002

# Seasons Greetings

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## We Have Arrived!!!

We arrived in Brazil on August 4, 1:30 in the morning, right on time. Our luggage however, did not. We brought 32 pieces of luggage and only 22 ended up making it on the plane we were on to Brazil. The good news is that the rest of our luggage arrived on the next flight in at 1:30 that next morning.



Chelsea and Elie sleeping



Stephanie keeping Sam occupied!

When we got to our new home, it was furnished with borrowed furniture from the missionaries and beds that were handed down from the previous missionaries, the Smiths. We were so thankful to have beds to sleep in the night we arrived!!!

Our days have been filled with new sights, sounds, smells and food, getting used to the climate, finding our way around the city, exploring our own back yard, having work done on the house and vehicle, shopping to furnish the house, visiting churches, Christmas shopping, learning the language, learning to drive in the city, making friends and home schooling. We have also experienced the oddness of not having the weather change we were used to in Indiana. The days go by so fast. We are so excited to be here.

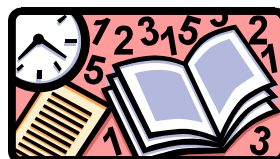
We have posted some photos of our arrival and first adventures on our website [www.todd-brazil.org](http://www.todd-brazil.org).

We hope you all have been able to keep up with what we are doing on a regular basis through your church or by e-mail as we send out our regular updates. If you are not getting regular e-mail updates and would like to receive them, just send an e-mail to [sandi@todd-brazil.org](mailto:sandi@todd-brazil.org) and request the regular update.

Through technology, we have been able to talk to and see some of our relatives over the internet. It has been great for all of us! We don't feel so far away when we can talk and see each other.

## Prayer Concerns

- Please keep our language learning a top priority as you pray. We have great days and frustrating days, but we continue to learn more and more every week. Pray for our tutor as well. She is a great lady that has been gifted with great patience!
- Pray for Jim. He's been fighting some type of illness and to return and for him to feel better.
- Pray for Chelsea, Elie and Sam to be able to learn the language. They do not participate in language school and have to learn the language from us and from their friends. We hear that they will learn it better and faster than we will once they start playing with Brazilian friends regularly.
- Pray for us and our families back home in the States as we face the first holiday season away from home.
- Pray for our National Church funding. See attached letter for details.



## Words of the Quarter

Here are the words for the days of the week in Portuguese...

- Sunday – Domingo (d `m n-g )
- Monday – Segunda-feira (s `g n-d h`fey-d h)
- Tuesday – Terça-feira (t rh-s h`fey-d h)
- Wednesday – Quarta-feira (quarh-t h`fey-d h)
- Thursday – Quinta-feira (k n-t h`fey-d h)
- Friday – Sexta-feira (s sh-t h`fey-d h)
- Saturday – Sábado (sah-bah-d )

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## How to Contact Us in Brazil

E-mail is great, and we *love* hearing from you, but it is always exciting to get “snail mail”! The kids are especially fond of it! You can send letters and small packages (things that will fit in a postal carrier’s bag) to our home address:

Rua Berna, Casa 9, Quadra 43  
Bairro Planalto, Conjunto Campos Elíseous  
Manaus, Amazonas 69045-640

If in doubt, send it here (our post office box)...

C.P. 444  
Manaus, Amazonas 69011-970  
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## Find Out More About the Field Work in Brazil



Included in this newsletter is a letter authored by our Mission Director, Tom Ensz accompanied by a form. The letter introduces changes to the way the national church of Brazil will need to operate. Please take a moment to read this letter and consider what you can do to help.

Also, visit the new website for The Wesleyan Church of Brazil. Here you will learn more about the mission, the mission team and much more. [www.wesleyana-brazil.org](http://www.wesleyana-brazil.org)



## For Those Who Love to Cook

We have added a new recipe to our website. It is a recipe for pão de queijo (bread of cheese). We eat this cheese bread almost everyday for our afternoon snack. It is one of the most popular foods here in Brazil. I have not tried this recipe yet-the bread is too readily available at our local bakeries, but I hope to try it very soon (once I find the time)! For those without web access, here is the recipe.

2lb manioc starch (polvilho) (Try looking for Tapioca Starch at oriental grocers to make your pão de queijo - You can use either sweet or sour manioc starch. Some people complain that sour manioc starch causes heartburn, however sour manioc starch makes the rolls raise more. It is your choice.)

- 1lb mashed potatoes (just cooked potatoes, mashed with no salt or oil). The mashed potato should be cool before using.
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 ½ oz grated parmesan cheese
- 1 qt milk

Preheat oven to 350° F.

In a large bowl, mix all ingredients except the milk. Then add the milk slowly while you mix until you get soft dough. Shape dough in 1-inch balls and place them evenly spaced in an unbuttered cookie sheet and bake at moderate oven (350 F) for about 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Makes about 50 rolls.

Dear friends of Brazil,

Greetings from the Amazon and our brothers and sisters in Christ here in Brazil! Thank you for supporting the Lord's work in Brazil. Your faithfulness in praying and in giving has been greatly used of God in the transformation of lives. It is because of your interest and investment in the Wesleyan Church of Brazil that we are writing you this letter. We wish to share with you some of the changes that have taken place at Wesleyan World Missions and here on the field in Brazil. God is showing us that He has great plans and changes ahead in Brazil. We know that you will pray and support us in this time of transition.

One of the major changes that we are facing has to do with the way in which funds are raised for the Brazilian (national) church. These funds are used for theological education, leadership development, church planting, evangelism, and producing evangelistic and discipleship material. Formerly, these funds were a part of the individual missionary support raised by the missionaries. With the change that is being implemented these funds will have to be raised separately in the form of shares.

Due to shortfalls in giving to the mission's general fund and the increased cost of off-field missionary support, the decision was made to raise the national church funds separately using the shares. The money each missionary family needs to raise for support will no longer include the national church. Therefore, this percentage (14%) raised through the faith promise missionary support commitment will go to cover the off-field, missionary support costs.

This change will come into effect as of December 2002. This means that next month the money that used to be passed on to Brazil for Theological Education expenses, church planting efforts, etc. will stop. We will receive only that which is in the Brazilian National Church Shares account (Acct. # WM05-0160) at that time up to our budgeted limit. We will need to raise these funds through shares from here on out. A share is a commitment to give \$500 a year. To continue with current ministries offered and to keep within the same budget, we will need 51 shares of \$500 per year. We know that God is faithful and therefore we are confident that He is already at work to resolve this situation.

Praise the Lord for the other changes. Because of a more aggressive posture in evangelism and church planting we have successfully planted four new churches in the last three years. In the next two years we plan to plant five to seven new churches, two of these are likely to be in two states where we do not have any Wesleyan churches and 2 more churches in the Interior. Our newest church planting effort was started in July of this year in Londrina, Paraná- a state in southern Brazil. Please pray for Pastor Helio and his team as they continue winning souls and begin to have services in a rented facility. Another one of the new church plants is Boa Vista Wesleyan Church in the state of Roraima-north of the Amazon.

Leadership development is an integral part of a thriving church. We thank the Lord for our Brazilian leadership and for the tools available to us in the formation of leaders. This year we are adding Theological Education by Extension and a Resident Program at our seminary in Manaus in our ongoing efforts to develop godly and effective leaders.

We also have new American missionaries in Brazil. Jim and Sandi Todd along with their family arrived in Brazil in August. They are presently involved in language study here in Manaus. They have proved to be a blessing to their colleagues, the Enszes and the Walborns, as well as to the Brazilian national church that they have come to serve. They are church planters and we hope that one day soon they will help lead the church in one of our new states. God is marvelous!

We invite you to help us at this critical time in the church's history here in Brazil. Please help us through prayer and if the Lord directs, through shares for The National Church of Brazil. The easiest way to support The Wesleyan Church of Brazil at this time is to fill out the attached form and mail it to WWM or visit our new Website at [www.wesleyana-brazil.org](http://www.wesleyana-brazil.org) and fill out the online [National Church Funds Form](#). You can also discover much more about the ministry of the Wesleyan Church in Brazil and our missionaries. At the website you can see pictures and an explanation of where these national funds go to: 1) Training and education; 2) New Church Plants; and 3) Churches in the interior.

Thank you for your marvelous faithfulness in lifting up the Lord's work in Brazil!

In Christ,

Tom Ensz

Mission Director of Brazil, for the entire mission team

# The Wesleyan Church of Brazil National Church Funds Information

## Individual Donor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Church/District Support**

Church/District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact/Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Form Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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National Church of Brazil Share/Prayer Partner

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will pray for the National Church of Brazil

\_\_\_\_ Yes, with God, I am making a: One Time Gift                      Monthly Pledge

(Please circle one) Quarterly Pledge                      Annual Pledge

for support of: \_\_\_\_\_ (# of shares, 1 Share = \$500.00) or other amount: \_\_\_\_\_

My support is for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) beginning on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

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*Clearly mark all funds by indicating Account # WM05-0160-Brazil*  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep a copy for your records and mail a copy to:  
Wesleyan World Missions, National Church of Brazil Fund, PO Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN  
46250