

BRAZIL

Dear Prayer Partners,

We would like to share a little about the lives of two sisters in the church so that you will be better able to pray for them.

Emerlinda is a lady in our church who has been saved for about one year, but she does not attend church regularly. She is a quiet and timid person, and we believe it is these qualities in her that keep her from coming to church. For this reason we are asking you to pray that this situation will change—that she might have an ardent desire to become a part of the church community and follow Christ in baptism. Emerlinda is divorced and lives with her mother and daughter, Lorraine. Lorraine is a believer in our congregation; she was the second one we baptized.

Valquiria is a young girl of seventeen who two months ago, sought us out after the service and gave her life to Christ. We are thankful to God for this and ask you to pray for her life to be rooted in the Word. We ask that you pray for us as we disciple her, praying for wisdom, insight and obedience to God's word. Valquiria is not yet ready to be baptized; please pray that she will follow the Spirit's leading. We also ask you to pray for her family because they recently lost a loved one.

The date of our camp had to be changed from July to September. The reason behind this was that there were many students gone during school vacation. We want to have as many students as possible attend this event. Please continue to pray for these young people, that their hearts will be pierced by the living word of God.

We give thanks to God for His work in this church plant. We are grateful that He led Adriana Bessa to care for the finances of the church. We are really relieved to be able to give this job to one of our members, and not to someone in our family. We are thankful that we now have a department of finance for the church. We believe that this is healthy for the church and praise God for this new step.

We were filled with joy recently as we welcomed three pastors—Carlos, Silvio and Sandro—and Lucas, Carlos' son. Their visit was gratifying and so very refreshing to us. It is very difficult to live so far away from family and good friends; so to have these dear brothers visit us was very fulfilling. We give thanks to God for this encouraging time of fellowship and prayer.

Please continue to pray for my family as we serve here in Rondonopolis. As we wrote in our last letter, we desire to return home for a visit in January 2009. Please pray that the Lord will give us this desire, making it possible to see our family again.

Blessings,

Pastor Francisco Barreto

PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE

FRANCISCO BARRETO
serving in **RONDONOPOLIS**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the upcoming camp; pray that the youth will be led to faith in Christ*
- *Pray that the church will find a location of its own*
- *Pray for the evangelism efforts in Karol's home*
- *Pray for the spiritual growth of Emerlinda and Valquiria*
- *Pray for Adriana as she takes over the finances of the church*
- *Pray for the Barreto family as they serve the Lord; pray for strength, holiness and perseverance*

Pray for the many hidden people groups without the Gospel.

