

## BRAZIL

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

2010 ended with an abundance of grace from our Lord and great rewards for our intense labors throughout the year. The Lord continues to strengthen us and we look forward to the promises of many blessings in 2011. This is a time for us to renew our trust and place our hope in the goodness of God, who is always beside us. We finished the year contemplating the challenges and our expectations, along with the fruit that came from planted seeds.

We held a congregational meeting and had good participation from church members. The election of new officers for the 2011 and 2012 years was also accomplished. Please be in prayer for these men and women who will serve the Lord's church.

This was a great opportunity to be strengthened as a church. It gave us some discomfort though because some people only help around election time. But give thanks to God for those who were elected into office.

We praise the Lord for the salvation of Pedro César who gave his life to Jesus on a Sunday morning. I am now discipling him and two others every Thursday. Each is growing in God's word.

The church celebrated my birthday last month. Several special guests came, which brought great surprise and much joy.

My family and I spent Christmas at my brother's house; he is the pastor of a Baptist church. He invited me to preach and I was warmly welcomed there. We are planning to take a 15-day vacation to visit friends and relatives in the inner cities of the state. I have been sick for many days with a fever and cough. But I thank God I am already feeling better. Edna continues her involvement in the clothing shop, which has been very good for her.

We have much to be thankful for—the financial support from MEAN, MEAR and White Fields and for Jessica's passing the first part of her exams. We are also thankful for those who continue to attend our church. May God guide their lives for His glory. We thank all the brethren who have blessed us with their prayers! Today, we are stronger and glorify God for having had partners like you. We say thank you with joy and gratitude. May God bless you abundantly and give each of you His promised rewards.

Pastor José de Paula



JOSE DE PAULA  
serving in NATAL

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray the Lord will bless the church and the Paula family in 2011*
- *Pray for new conversions and for the spiritual growth of the brethren*
- *Pray for the youth camping event, that all needs will be met and it will be used to glorify God*
- *Pray for open doors to preach the gospel*
- *Pray for guidance and wisdom for Pastor José as he leads*
- *Pray for times of rest and refreshment for the Paula family*

Pray for the many hidden people groups without the Gospel.

