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## **Dear Prayer Partner,**

It has been over three years since I last visited Brazil. Due to the Covid19 situation and the home going of Daisey I have been unable to make the trip. Praise the Lord it looks as if this year I will be able to make the trip. Thanks to the internet I have been able to minister to a number of pastors in northern and southern Brazil. I have booked passage for June 2<sup>nd</sup> and will return later in the month.

It has been said and I can't verify the fact that new church plants lead more people to the Lord than existing churches. That being true why then is it that the ends of the earth remain unreached? There is no doubt that church planting was and is the means and end of carrying out the Great Commission. Those who heard the Great Commission from the very lips of the risen Christ devoted their lives to the teaching and preaching of the Gospel. Of the twelve apostles only James the brother of John, died in his home country. All the rest died in foreign lands carrying out the Great Commission teaching, preaching and church planting. The gathering of those believers in local New Testament churches was the overriding pursuit of their lives.

Even though new ideas for reaching the unreached with the gospel our Lord's method of church planting remains changeless and practical. Jesus did not say that it would be easy, but the honor and glory due to King Jesus motivates us just as much in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as it did those early Christians 2,000 years ago.

I ask that you remember in prayer the following request:

- 1. The salvation of John Saraiva, father of the pastor of the church in Manaus
- 2. Revival and salvation of souls in the meetings
- 3. My safety and finances for the trip

Why are there unreached people even in Brazil? Many areas still have no gospel light. The answer lies in the difficulty that there still areas in Brazil areas hostile to the gospel, not to mention the challenge of climate.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Unworthily His, Wendell Hiers

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