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Dear Prayer Partner,



This month will be a busy one as we will be blessed with the presence of Pastor Paulo Arruda, his wife, daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. Paulo was just a teenager when Daisey and I left Brazil in 1984. For the last few years, I have had the privilege of staying in his home when I visit. Several years ago, he was able to purchase the house of Cecil and Sandra Henderson. He began a school for the children of lepers several years ago and the very first day they had 129 to enroll.

The school is located in a subdivision called Aleixo but it is better known in Manaus as the "Big Hole." Needless to say, the subdivision was really run down. There were very few paved streets and garbage was to be seen everywhere. Things have really changed in that today many of the streets are paved and there is a regular garbage pickup. The city of Manaus has grown from just under a million population to over four million. One of the new TV stations did a week's primetime program on the school which resulted in someone donating a new Mercedes-Benz bus.

Recently Paulo started a church in the area under some banana trees. He is now, with the help of several Brazilian pastors, raising funds for their first meeting place. Please keep this effort in your prayers. Paulo and his family will be at the Pleasantview Baptist Church the Wednesday before Easter. He will be visiting New Testament Baptist Church on Easter Sunday.

May I once again say thank you for sending me and Daisey to the Amazon area many years ago. This is fruit to your account.

Unworthily His,
Wendell Fiers

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Think what we can do and have done together!