

Mirassol Messenger

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Peter and Nice Armati

Prayer points

- Praise God for Marcia – who is at the point of becoming a Christian
- Praise God for our prayer and financial supporters
- Praise God for our safety and good health
- Praise God that we have now nearly finished unpacking our container and putting our home in order
- Praise God for new Bible study members
- Praise God that He empowers us to speak and witness to Him
- Please pray that Marcia becomes a Christian
- Please pray that we will remain safe and healthy
- Please pray that God will raise up new people to hear and receive the gospel
- Please pray that the weather remains kind to us
- Please pray that God gives us patience to deal with what seem to be irrelevant questions

We have now been in Brazil for five months. We have been very active on a number of fronts:

- Continuing to spread the good news about Jesus
- Continuing to re-establishing old relationships
- Re-establishing our old home in Brazil
- Unpacking our container from Australia and re-assembling and washing everything

We think that the mission work has been very productive. Whilst we have not yet received a large number of people to work with, those who have been assigned to us have moved along well in developing their faith. Some more than others of course.

Three people are close to becoming Christians. One in particular —Marcia— is right there, and we expect that next week she will inform us of her repentance and her conversion! Praise God that He has brought her to this point. The other two are both catholics, struggling with their upbringing, Mary, saints and images.

We had lunch here for 11 people on Sunday 16 December to celebrate Christmas. Nice spoke of what Jesus' birth is all about, following the prophecies in the bible from Genesis 3 through Abraham, David, Isaiah etc. to Luke and Matthew. And why he came - what he came to do. Most of the people at the lunch had never heard anything like that before! It was very moving. This was our Christmas celebration. We spent Christmas eve and Christmas day with Nice's family in Rio Preto. Jesus did not receive any mention at all. It's very sad.

It's been raining here a fair bit so everything is lush emerald green. But the mango trees are empty now. We have many birds in our atrium, which is lovely. Also humming birds visit the flowers from time to time. And the smell of frangipani, jasmine, "yesterday, today and tomorrow" and murraya fill the air. We have not experienced anything like the summer that Eastern Australia has experienced, thank goodness. Our heart goes out to all those people hit by the storms.

We miss Sydney, St James and BHAC and my SOCS work a lot. But we do not look backwards: rather we look forwards to the day when we will be with Jesus totally. In the meanwhile we have this hard work to do here (and believe me, it is so hard). This country seems to be the province of the evil one (just like anywhere else). Very few people are really open to the truth of the gospel: and fewer are willing to repent. Spiritism and consumerism and selfish ambition (pride and greed and envy) are everywhere. So it's hard work. We feel like Isaiah or Jeremiah (or I suppose any of the prophets) speaking into the ears of a fallen and sin-filled nation. But that's what we are here for.

Christmas lunch in Mirassol 16 December 2010



Mirassol—typical home worship centre

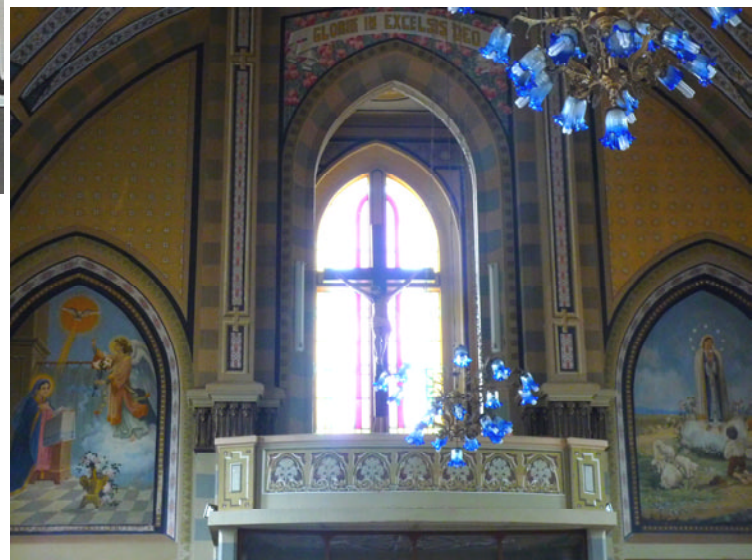


Mirassol—Main catholic church—St Peter dominates the front of the altar

Your brother and sister in Christ Jesus

Peter and Nice

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Mirassol—Main catholic church—Jesus is high up, at the rear of the church, above the entry door