Mirassol Messenger

We wish you all a time of rejoicing at this Christmas time

Prayer points

- Praise God that He empowers us to share the gospel with people in Brazil
- Give thanks to God for His amazing love and faithfulness
- Please pray for the people at CAPACC as they struggle with their cancer treatment. Pray that they will repent and turn to God for His grace and their Salvation.
- Please do pray for Teresa (our main Bible Study leader and dear friend) who is suffering seriously from MS. Teresa's condition has deteriorated significantly.
- Please pray for Catholic members as they struggle with what God's Word tells them (and us all) about idols and images. Pray that God will give them the strength and the will to put aside their images of Mary and Joseph and the saints and worship only Jesus.
- Please pray for the many new people who Jesus is bringing to us, that they will come to love and adore Him and study God's Word faithfully, putting what they learn into action.
- Please pray for Bishop Josep Rossello that he will be able to lead the Reformed Anglican Church of Brazil with strength, wisdom and enthusiasm.
- Praise God for our prayer and financial supporters
- •Praise God for our safety and good health
- •Please pray for Nice and her weekly sessions with Henderson and Michelle and Melissa, and with Izilda and Cleusa. Pray that God's word will fill them with joy and strengthen their growing faith in Jesus
- Praise God that He continues to bring us people to study His Word and apply it to their lives.
- •Please pray that God will raise up many new people to hear and receive the gospel; that they might be reconciled to Him
- •Please pray for our Mirassol church and for each member, that they all may come to Jesus
- Please pray that we will live Christ-like lives; displaying God's love to all people

Thank you for your financial support and for your prayers! How precious these are. We give thanks to God for the work He has called us here to do. It is surely a wonderful way to 'spend' one's retirement years. We love it!

The last six months have been physically difficult. I (Peter) have been suffering from some heart problems, and Nice has also been rather unwell (stress related, we think). However yesterday our cardiologist has pronounced Peter to be <u>much</u> better; giving him a clean bill of health. So this should also relieve Nice from some of her stress-related health issues. Thank you for your prayers. Give thanks to God for this recovery, and praise His name.

Our weekly meeting with the people at CAPACC, the Cancer Respite Home in Rio Preto, is such a joy for us. Usually somewhere between 10 and 20 people turn up each week to hear God's Word. The enthusiasm of the people, their attentiveness and their interaction with God's word and with Nice is a source of great joy. We give the people at least one Bible to take home, and often they ask for two or more, for their friends and family members.

We give away about ten bibles every week. These are the NTLH translation (new translation in the language of today) in giant sized print (so called) which makes for easy reading. Many of the people cannot read but they take a copy home for younger family members to read to them. The translation uses simple language and is similar to the English Good News Bible.

We are also encouraged by the growth and enthusiasm in our little church in Mirassol. We have four new members. We meet once a month for communion, prayer, singing and a 20-30 minute sermon. This month we are expecting another three people will come.

Nice meets with Paulo, Márcia, and Nice's lifetime friend Sandra (in Rio de Janeiro) on Skype from time to time for Bible study. Nice meets once a fortnight with Izilda and Cleusa. We meet weekly with Henderson, his wife Michelle and daughter Melissa in our home. We are training them in the hope that one day, in some years time, they may grow enough to take over our work here. Or maybe not - God is in full control. We will have to see how things go.

We meet with Ken Deck on Skype every two weeks or so – which is a huge blessing for us.

May God bless you all. Please pray for us here and for the growth of God's Kingdom in Brazil. Your brother and sister in Christ Jesus

