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"Working with The Lord to fulfill The Great Commission in Northern Brazil"

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Dear Fellow-laborers with the Lord Jesus Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I trust that our latest report finds each of you well and prospering in the work of the Lord. It is truly an honor to be allowed to take part in His ministry in this world. I doubt that there is a nobler title than Ambassador for Christ, and that is exactly what we are when we take the message of reconciliation to a lost and dying world.

September and a good part of October have passed by rather quickly. The work is going on about the same as we press forward looking for more open doors and opportunities to build relationships and share the gospel with the people here in Belém. We always have an eye to the task of planting churches here that will be able to reach this city and beyond. We continue to pray for God to send more laborers and bring us men that he can use as leaders in this great work. We are continue distributing cards inviting people to visit firmadonabiblia.org. Thousands of cards have been given out and we find very few of them discarded. The statistics on the website show that many people are viewing the website and starting to take "The Good Person Test". Not everyone finishes the test, but those that do are presented with a clear explanation of the Gospel and an encouragement to repent and trust Christ. There has been very little feedback from those that visit up to this point.

Brenda and I are working on formatting a series of Bible studies that we will make available through the website in the near future. I will work it as a correspondence-style course where a new Bible study will be made available upon the completion of the previous Bible study. We will maintain a dialogue with the students in order to answer questions and help clear up confusion along the way. Please pray the Lord will use this outreach for His glory. I would also ask that you pray for a young man that works at the bakery in our neighborhood. One morning when I was picking up some bread, I noticed he was looking at me like he wanted to say something. When I got to the counter to order the bread, he said in clear English with a Brazilian accent, "Where are you from?" I complimented his English and told him I was from the US. Since then, Brenda and I have had friendly conversations with Fernando when we go to buy bread. Long story short, one day Brenda brought him an English tract, he read it, and the next day he asked me if I was a Christian! I explained that I am and that we are in Brazil to share the gospel. He professes to be a Christian as well and is part of a non-denominational organization in the city. The last time I was in he told me that he had bought an English Bible to practice reading and writing. As you might imagine, I am hoping that he would be interested in some assistance, and that would open up a door for a good opportunity to visit. Up to this point all of our conversations have been short because he is working.

As a final note, I would ask that you pray for God's will in the presidential elections here. There is a runoff election scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> and there is quite a bit of contention. It is hard to say how the results may impact our position and opportunities to share the gospel, but we are confident that God knows all about it.

As always, may the Lord continue to encourage you in your labors for him. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support.

For the Glory of God,

Chris Bell