

Dear supporters and Prayer partners,

I start this letter with Psalm 63:3-5, "Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips"

My lips praise the Lord joyfully today because of the wonderful work He has done in my life. This past Thanksgiving marked the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary that God delivered me out of the grasp of testicular cancer. I am so thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to continue to serve him while I live. I thank Him for using me to reach some with the precious Gospel of Christ. Most recently three young men, named Charles, Gabriel and Antonio trusted Christ as their savior.

During the months of October, November and December it rained so much here in our area of Brazil that it caused extensive flooding and many mud slides in several cities of our state (Santa Catarina). Over 100 people died and many tens of thousands lost their homes and everything they owned. I am so thankful to the Lord for protecting us and our folks here in Joinville. Besides a few leaks in our house and not being able to use some streets due to the water for a few days we did not suffer any major loss.

The following are photos of some activities of the Victory Baptist Church of Joinville:



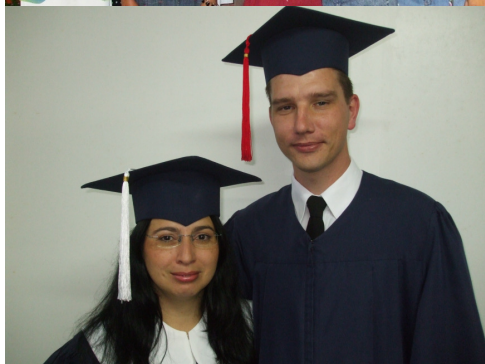
← In October the ladies had a special outing to visit the 70<sup>th</sup> flower festival of Joinville. It was a special time of fellowship for our precious ladies.

The Victory Baptist Church young people pose for a photo... →



← On November 28<sup>th</sup> 2008, Ricardo and Monica graduated from Bible Collage. It was a joy to preach at their graduation. This couple will be assuming the work here in Joinville while we take our furlough this year.

The VBC choir singing at the yearend service... →



**Special Prayer Requests:** The upcoming Sixth Anniversary of our church May 3rd. Lord willing, My Father, Dr. Phillip R. Allen will be here in Joinville to preach for us. Pray for souls to be saved, and encouragement for our folks. And for our preparations to return to the USA to report back to our supporters and prayer partners of the work here. All six of us will be returning this time, and the Lord willing, our trip will be some time the end of **May 2009**. If you would like to schedule a meeting with us, please contact me through the following e-mail: [jamesallen@mwbm.org](mailto:jamesallen@mwbm.org)

Thank you once again for your prayers and support for our ministry.

James and Soraia Allen