

Joinville, Brazil, September, 2008

Dear supporters and prayers partners,

I thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His blessings in our lives and ministry. God's grace strengthens us each day as we do our best to reach lost souls for Him here in Brazil.

Praise to Him for giving Soraia, Stephanie and Franklin a wonderful trip to the United States in July. (Mentioned in last letter) They were there for 18 days in order for Soraia to maintain her US documents up to date and valid, a very important must! It was also a great opportunity for my family to meet our 10 month old son, James Franklin Kent Allen, for the first time.

I thank the precious folks of our home church, Victory Baptist of Loganville, Georgia, and my sweet family for taking great care of them while they were in the USA. I thank our dear Pastor Derik Lawrence for his kindness in allowing Soraia to share a testimony before the church, and I thank them so much for the love offering given, that helped offset the high cost of this unavoidable trip.

I also thank my Father, Dr. Phillip Allen and the Brazilian Philadelphia Baptist Church for the opportunities given to my wife to minister – the picture to the right shows Soraia singing. I also thank this church for the generous offering they gave. It covered most of Soraia's expenses in the USA. And I thank all of you that prayed for us during this necessary and strenuous trip.



I Praise my Lord for again saving souls here in Joinville. In July, two children, **Angelica** (12) and **Daniel** (8), trusted Christ as their Savior in the children's Bible class that we have each week during the Wednesday night services.



Also, as my two older children and I were visiting a family, a young adult named **Jackson** trusted Christ as his Savior. He is the one in the black T-shirt in the picture to the left. Pray for his girlfriend Gisele, and her father, Lourival.

Please Pray: I want to humbly share with you, our supporting friends, two needs of our family. **First:** We need to trade our VW gasoline (\$5.80 p/gal.) van in for a much better and more economical diesel (\$4.50 p/gal.) 12 passenger, van, 1998 or 99 model. This would represent a very significant **savings of 40%** in fuel cost. This vehicle, as is the one we currently have, will be used as our family van, and in the church ministry. We need a one time offering of **\$4000.00** for this need. We can do this with your help.

Second: In the past four years, we have lost a few supporters due to different reasons on their end. Added with the strong devaluation of **38%** on the dollar, and the steep rise in the cost of living around the world, in which Brazil is not exempt. For these reasons our mission board has wisely raised the amount of support needed for the missionary families. Plus, God has blessed us with two more children, **Stephanie** and **Franklin**, so, we are now a happy family of six. With all this in mind, I humbly share with you, that our support level has fallen from 95% in March 2004, to a current 55% received in August 2008. Would you please consider these two requests a matter of urgent prayer before the Lord with us?

We are committed to doing our very best for the Lord with exactly what He gives us, and we are so very grateful for you that have a part in this ministry. We plan on returning to the USA to report back to you in June 2009, just under a year from now.

In Christ's never failing love, James and Soraia Allen