



## December Reno Update

Dear Praying Friends,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We have enjoyed having Dad and Mom with us for Thanksgiving and an early Christmas celebration during their twelve day visit. Thank you for praying for us and the El Shadai Bible Church. Dad preached on the need to deny self and take up our crosses in following the Lord during the meetings. We saw the Lord work in hearts and several visitors attend, but as a church we are struggling severely. We recently lost a family to a charismatic church and several others have stopped attending also, leaving just a few. Would you pray much for us?

In the midst of this heartache we have much to be grateful for. John and Fernanda are seeing the Lord open up doors in the interior. Robynn recently received a lesson from one of the prisoners in Fortaleza that included a request for lessons to be sent to eleven more prisoners! The Sunday School meeting at the school is slowly growing even while faced with opposition from the Roman Catholic Church. The Bible club that Fernanda and Dani have been faithful to hold on Saturday afternoons when many times they have only had two in attendance, has recently grown and this past Sunday seven of their Bible club children came to the school for Sunday School also!

The Lord has also provided a copy machine for the library. A friend of Robynn's donated the machine – which turned out being the very make and model we were praying about getting! This will not only help those who want to copy materials that they are studying, but also will allow the library to cover some operating expenses with the money made from copies. Another precious blessing was the Lord's granting the desire of Robynn's heart for a good



guitar. A friend of our family and member of a supporting church handcrafted a professional guitar for her!

## São Luis

São Luis is a small town (estimated population of 3,000) about an hour and a half from Salinas. In December 2009 we went through São Luis on the way to John and Fernanda's wedding in Maracana. The Lord laid this town on Dad's heart and he began to pray for God to provide a true gospel witness for São Luis.

Our home church held a day of prayer at the end of John and Fernanda's furlough and Dad shared his burden for São Luis as well as Dunbar, Scotland. The church began to pray and within the week they received the word that a new gospel work was being founded in Dunbar. It was started the Saturday after the prayer meeting. Meanwhile, John and Fernanda were praying earnestly about São Luis.

Shortly after their return to Brazil, Fernanda's mom contacted them about a friend who needed boy's baby clothes. John and Fernanda were thrilled to learn that this needy lady lives in São Luis. They were able to visit on their way to Maracana and were given permission by another friend to use a small house to start a work. This last month they have begun an outreach in São Luis.

They have passed out tracts and other literature and started a Bible club for children as well as holding two evening services. Right now they are going every other week on Thursday, spending the night and returning to Salinas on Friday. Please thank the Lord with us for what He has already done and continue to pray for this new work and for health, strength and safety for John and family.

Another prayer request is for the little village of kilometer 42. This is where John has his Scripture sign and he and Fernanda would like to do a Bible club for children on their

way back from São Luis. Right now they are trying to work out details for a place with some shade!

We are anxiously awaiting a shipment of 1,000 daily devotionals from Bearing Precious Seed. Please pray with us as we distribute these during the Christmas season. This week Hannah asked the director at the school she has been working in on Wednesdays about giving them to each of the teachers and workers. He was thrilled and said they had been using the one copy they received last year in their school wide meetings.

As we look towards 2012 we ask you pray with us about our Bible schools in January. We are working out the details for three children VBSs and a week of teen day camp. Our Uncle Loren and Aunt Karen Reno will be with us for teen week and we are greatly looking forward to what the Lord will do among our teens as well as learning more about Biblical leadership ourselves!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We are so grateful for each of you and your part in the Lord's work here in Salinas.

Love,  
The Renos in Brazil



Bobby enjoying Titia's music ! (above)

Fernanda and Dani's Bible club (below)

