



February 2015 Reno Update

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you to the many of you who prayed daily for us last month. The Lord truly helped us through a busy month.

We had many opportunities to sow the seed during the week of Children's VBS. Robynn and Dani worked in the village of Helderlandia and had a handful of children come. One of the highlights was when several of the boys asked one question after another about God, salvation, and future things. Fernanda, Carlos, Ruth and Hannah worked in the village of Jutai. It was quite a challenge to get the land cleared and the house ready for the children but with the help of Carlos and others from El Shadai we made it! Robynn even made some benches for the children to sit on and we were thrilled to have around thirty children each morning. In the afternoons, John, Fernanda and Val worked in Bom Jesus. When I wrote last month's letter we still did not have a place to hold VBS, but the Friday before we started on Monday, the Lord opened up the door to use a classroom in a school. The first day was rainy and no one came to unlock the school, yet there were twelve children who trudged through the rain and stood to hear the Bible and missionary stories, learn a Bible verse and sing. The following days the group grew to more than thirty. Meanwhile Dani, Carlos, Ruth and Hannah were working with the children at El Shadai. Thank you for your prayers!



Part of the Jutai group



Dani and Robynn with Helderlândia Children

The following week Robynn worked with a missionary couple to do an adolescent VBS at El Shadai and in the evenings we had a missions conference. Please continue to pray for the salvation of our young people as well as a deep burden for missions among the believers.

John and Fernanda will be leaving on the fourth and arriving Stateside on the fifth. Many struggles have arisen as they prepared for furlough, one of those being the invasion of their property in Km. 42. For years, John has worked to maintain Scripture signs on this piece of ground on the main road going in and out of Salinas. Many times parts of the signs have been torn down and he has rebuilt and tried to make them as durable as possible. This past month a group of thirty or more began to stake off the property and have put up a temporary shelter or two attempting to take possession of the land. They also have taken the signs down and leveled the little house structure that was on the land. John and Fernanda have gathered their documents and filed the police reports and are waiting for the lawyer to see the process through. Fernanda's dad, Sr. Oziel, has power of attorney and will help while they are travelling. Please pray!

Please continue to pray for the El Shadai Bible church and Carlos as he leads in these months. We were encouraged to have a new couple visit twice and are praying for their salvation. Please continue to pray for the salvation of Marcello and Mateus.

John and family are excited to see many of you in the upcoming months. Pray for their adjustment to the cold! We praise the Lord for providing a small furlough home that our home church has worked hard to get ready for their arrival!

Please pray for Robynn and Hannah as they stay behind and work at balancing work in the schools with new opportunities in the villages!

Love and prayers,

The Renos in Brazil