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Greetings from Western PA.

This letter was started in April and somehow we just didn't get it finished. Our schedule was packed with a last minute major project until the week we packed up to travel to PA.

Our time in Brazil went too quickly. After some difficulties getting housing set up, we got busy with the ministry at the second generation church plant in the Liberdade neighborhood. Pastor Alberto was glad to have us back to help. He hadn't had a "Pastoral" vacation for about 4 years so he took some time off. He had major surgery on his shoulder, and then recuperation time. He also took a month or so to visit sister churches seeking support for the ministry. So, Don's primary ministry for 13 weeks was preaching / teaching at the Liberdade Berean Bible Church.

The "reserves" that the church expected to have to do the ceiling/second floor when we returned in November 018 were used to finish the building enough that they could move there from the community center. So, when we got there, I anticipated a more relaxed pace finishing up some of the smaller jobs like electric and bathrooms. Then, about a month before we were to return to PA, a special gift came in for the concrete ceiling /second floor. We had 3 weeks to do a 6-8 week project!

We do praise God, though, that with the help of a number of volunteers we were able to do the form work, put the stringers and styrofoam blocks in place, install the supports, run the electrical conduit, and put about 12 yards of concrete on top! Now the whole building is "under roof" and we don't need to worry about leaks in the tarp any longer.



Since moving to the partially constructed building at the edge of a new housing plan last July, there has been a bit of a new beginning for the church. It is a little farther away for the members (who walk to services), and we have new neighbors. We arrived in time to help with the Christmas program and also with FIRST Vacation Bible School. We were encouraged to have teachers from the Imperial Gardens Bible Church, which sponsors this new church, repeat their DVBS for the Liberdade children. We have had Sunday School in the morning mainly for children, and our main service Sunday evening. We appreciate prayers especially for the adult Sunday School class that was started this May.

We are now back in PA to help at Ready Yourselves Youth Ranch again. We are privileged to be able to serve from May through September with this ministry, mentoring youth and helping with all around needs at the Ranch. We appreciate your prayers for the co-founders, Matt & Micheline Barkley; the activities director, Rebeca Shaw; for us; for all the volunteers, and for all those who will be able to participate in the various programs this year.

The Ranch is our ministry while in the USA, but if you would like us to visit you or your church please contact us:

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We want to thank you for praying and supporting us. We know that it is only in God's strength that we are able to do anything. *In 15:5 ...he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

Serving HIM Together,

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