



Apoio Ministries
The McCutchen's
Missionaries to São Paulo, Brazil

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

September 9, 2025

In July and August, we had the joy of celebrating 35 years in the ministry! During that time, we traveled from São Paulo to Manaus to join Pastor Chad and the men from his church in North Carolina. Pastor Chad and his church have a special heart for the Transforming Lives Institute (TLI) in Manaus, a ministry founded by Pastor Paulo and his wife Eloina to reach the children and teens of one of the poorest areas of the city. We praise the Lord that they are part of our Apoio Family. When Pastor Chad first visited this ministry last year, he fell in love with the people. His church has since committed to return each year for the next five years to support the work.

Their team blesses the children in countless ways—bringing candy, gifts, games, and above all, genuine love. But even more than that, Pastor Chad challenged Pastor Paulo to have his people pray that God would raise up a pastor to begin a new church, with his church supplying the funds for monthly support. God answered! Pastor Plínio and Simone surrendered to the call, and a church was born. Pastor Plínio soon launched a campaign to plant this new church at ITV. To help further, Pastor Chad's church donated all the funds needed to host a special dinner for the children and their families at the Institute. More than *500 people* were fed that day, and most importantly, *13 precious souls* gave their lives to Christ on July 30th. It was an unforgettable event! That following Thursday, *3 teens and 3 men* from the Campo Sales work asked Jesus to be their Savior! This is a powerful reminder of what God can do when His people work together in unity.



In August, we returned to the States to celebrate (a little early) our 45th wedding anniversary. Our two adult children desired for us to take a 7-day cruise to Alaska. However, shortly after our return from Manaus, both Dana and I tested positive for Covid. The recovery took some time, and sadly, our trip had to be canceled. Yet, in God's goodness, we were able to reschedule for next year—another reminder of His faithfulness even in setbacks.

As I write this letter, we are preparing to board our flight back to Brazil today (Tuesday). We can hardly wait to be reunited with our people! God is stirring their hearts, and we rejoice to see them not only growing but also passing on what they've learned to the youth. Truly, it is a joy to witness lives being transformed and vessels being prepared for His service.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We could not do this without you, and we thank God for each of you.

Thankfully received,
_____ July - August (Will receipt in Nov)
_____ Sept - Oct (Will receipt in Nov)

Till He Comes Again,

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