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> Dear Prayer Warriors,  
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> May the Lord be pleased to continue  
> leading us all into His glorious image. I do not admit conformity to  
> Our Lord's image as I would like to be. However, by His grace, there  
> are reasons to believe He is still working on me to that end. In spite  
> of all the dark clouds of struggle with the powers of darkness in and  
> around me, His presence is surely comforting. Thank you one and all  
> for your prayers for us in this regard. We find it our joy to pray for  
> you as well.  
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> Marcelo's eleven-year-old son,  
> Daniel, is still studying with me on Wednesday mornings.  
> Each week more doubts  
> are cleared up by truths of God's Word. This week it was justification  
> and purification, the Christians position and his walk. I am finding  
> that this young man has a struggle to keep his mind on any serious  
> subject for more than fifteen minutes. He can spend hours playing a  
> video game, watching movies and talking about dinosaurs, his hobby.  
> But anything scholastic or spiritual challenges his attention span.  
> Alas, I do not believe this is a rare condition among many his age. My  
> own life at that age was the same, except video and movies were  
> substituted by vain conversations, imaginations and friendships.  
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> I am grateful that when the Lord  
> chose to illuminate my darkened mind with the Gospel, bring me to face  
> my lost condition and give me faith to look to Jesus Christ alone for  
> all I needed to be presented before a holy God, a new man was  
> generated within me. This new man delighted in God's word and desired  
> to give all to his Saviour. Attention span increased. The Eternal  
> replaced the vain. As I minister the Word to Daniel I pray the same  
> grace would birth a new man in him. Please pray with us to this end.  
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> I went to Rancharia on  
> Wednesday evening and this last Lord's Day morning for services. The  
> Word preached is equipping the believers with that which they need to  
> solve personal and family problems. I stand amazed that the studies I  
> gave repeatedly in the past meet current needs and still conform the  
> hearers to Christ's image. A proof that the Word is quick and  
> powerful.  
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> Peggy and I held a home Bible  
> study with Lucilene on  
> Tuesday afternoon again. Mario, her comatose husband, Isabela, their  
> nine-year-old daughter and Regina, full-time nurse, were all present.  
> I find that the experience I had teaching children and young teen  
> agers soon after my conversion is useful yet in this work. Isabela  
> reflects the same "attention span challenges" described above. Our  
> prayer is that the Lord would make a saving difference in her life  
> too. Regina, the nurse, is following the studies very carefully.  
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> Bro. David Zuhars, missionary in the  
> northern parts of Brazil,  
> sent me two studies this week. One is on the Doctrines of Grace and  
> the other on the Sign-Gifts. I am glad to have these studies and added

> them to my Website this week. I am thankful that many are finding and  
> using these and the other thousand studies posted. Rejoice with us!  
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> Thanksgiving Day is NOT a holiday in  
> Brazil.  
> However, because Anthony, the 24 year old tourist mentioned in past  
> reports, is often with us we tried to take the day off. We boys  
> cranked homemade ice cream and the girls baked three pies for the  
> occasion. Calls to and from friends and family made the day special as  
> did our numbering the Lord's blessings upon us all.  
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> You are most certainly among these  
> blessings for which we give thanks. May the Lord continue to bless the  
> tie that binds us together, namely, the preaching of the Gospel.  
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> Yours in  
> Our Lord,  
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> If Christ Jesus is not known to you by the revelation of the Holy  
> Spirit, He is not known as the very wellspring of blessedness to the  
> soul - W.  
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