

# Mark and Dana McCutchen



## Your Missionaries to Southern Brazil

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

September 23, 2011

Just when the work is going strong, God moves you in a different direction. Does that sound familiar? We're reminded that God's ways are not our ways. Four years ago, God led us to the Temple Baptist Church in Moema where we reestablished a Sunday School Program for the church. At the time, there were two classes; one for the adults and one for the kids. After a lot of hard work and prayer, God allowed us to establish 6 classes and train 5 teachers. *Pedro and Regiara* are doing a great work with the adolescents. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to be a part of this, but the time has come that the Brazilians are capable of taking charge of the ministries. This is our goal; to work ourselves out of a job!

In saying that, we are devoting our time to the other work, in Paraisópolis, in these areas: *\*training more teachers, \*marriage counseling, \*Bible studies with new converts, and \*evangelism outreach in the neighborhood.* This past week the 4<sup>th</sup> year seminary students, along with our people, participated in the annual Paraisópolis Evangelism Expo. We canvassed the crowded streets with tracts and Bibles. That's where we met *Alessandra*. I listened intently as *Alessandra*, age 30, explained how her three brothers had committed suicide and she was close to it. She had recently moved with her mother from Paraná to São Paulo to put the past behind them. She found herself in Paraisópolis, which is well over 100,000 in population now ---- and living quarters are extremely close ---- but even at that, she still felt lonely.



She had been praying for two weeks that someone would tell her about the Jesus that she had heard so much about. Ricardo, one of the 4<sup>th</sup> year students, took *Alessandra* by the hand and knelt on that dusty curb and led her to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ! Not just *Alessandra*, but **18** other precious souls were added to the kingdom that day. We pray that the **2000 tracts** that were distributed will not fall on deaf ears.



Remember the Dia do Pastel? (Day of the Pastel) It's a fund raiser for the orphanage to help defray the cost of everyday living and basic food needs for

the precious 27 mouths to feed. We love these children! On the Dia do Pastel, Sep. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1,000 people participated in the event and \$10,000 reais was raised for the orphanage. Praise the Lord! On a sad note, Marcos, the director of the orphanage, lost his wife, Marcia, last month to cancer. Pray that God will give him the strength to continue on with his ministry. Because of a lack of funds for transportation, we are bringing Sunday School to them once a month and ministering to them as time allows. Pray that other national pastors will rise up and answer the call to this challenging ministry.

Our English classes are going well. Because I still feel strong about continuing our work with the upper class, the Lord has opened the door for us to continue our Saturday class in another location. One of the public schools in Moema has offered the use of one of their classrooms on Saturdays. Praise the Lord for His provision.

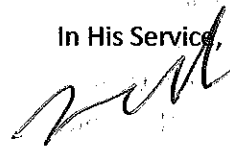
Pastors, there's so much in the news today with the elections, the corruption of the government, the fall and rise of the dollar, the loss of employment, and the list goes on. One could really get depressed and want to quit with all of that, but I'm so thankful that you're still in the race, and that you haven't given up! We appreciate every one of you for your sacrifice and for your steadfast prayers – it's what keeps us going and staying on the field!!

Thankfully received,

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