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“The Lord Working”

Mark 16:20, “And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them,”

There are so many things that we can do in our own strength, but when we rely on the Lord and obey Him, He works with, through, and for us in ways that we could never imagine. The months of April through June are always busy times because of the celebration of the anniversary of our congregation here in Belo Jardim on the first weekend in May. This year was no different, Cynthia began April by severely spraining her ankle and having to deal with the recuperation. In May, the men were thrilled to be able



intently as we studied the first 11 chapters of Genesis together. I returned home to get back to the responsibilities

of the congregation. Visits have been a priority with several regular members suffering from illnesses. The services remain well attended even though we are in our rainy season. Unfortunately, the rain is light and so it does not alleviate the drought, but it does reduce the heat which is nice. In June, one of my men came to me with the idea of beginning evangelization in two schools close by. He made some contacts and both administrators have opened the door for us to come and present the gospel to the students who will range in age from 12 to 18 years.

Please be in prayer for this endeavor. We are looking forward to having Joel Smothers to come visit with us again in September and we have heard good news about his deputation. Continue to pray for Cynthia's health as she is experiencing some symptoms of fatigue for which we have not found a reason. Finally we ask that you pray as we continue searching for land and need to build. We have begun a building fund with our mission if anyone would like to help. May God bless each of you. He truly does work with us even though we don't deserve it.



to make some much needed renovations to the building that we rent. Repairing walls, installing a new sign, painting, and installing a platform were



activities that, although they seem mundane, created an atmosphere of fellowship and cooperation. Our anniversary service was a success with a full house of 50 or more for both nights. Several new contacts were made which we hope to see produce Bible studies which will lead to evangelistic fruit. I made another seminary trip to the interior and taught the doctrines of bibliology, angelology, and eschatology. From the interior, I flew to Salvador and traveled to the city of Porto de Sauípe where I spent the week teaching creation science to a wonderful little church. The church treated me with such wonderful hospitality and listened

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From Her Perspective

Cynthia Dickens
 ~ Empty or Full? ~

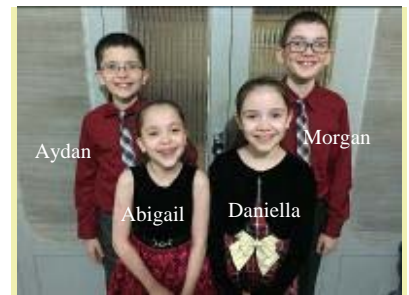


Ever feel empty and yet full at the same time - empty, as if you've nothing left to give, and full of con-

cern, worry, and even fear? Yeah, I know those things shouldn't be part of a Christian's life - that they should be given over to the Lord, because He's in control anyway. But how many of us actually manage to NEVER worry or be afraid? Maybe you're better than I am; but I have to say, honestly, that those things find ways to creep into and disturb my life, many times before I even have a chance to run and cast my cares on the Lord. When they worm their way in . . . well, then the battle's on. My personal challenge is to keep calm and let God fight it for me. I know He can handle it. He's got a better grasp on the situation than I do. But, as silly as this may sound . . . oh, how hard it is to just rest! Not to STOP but to rest my concerns with Him, as I *keep doing* what He wants me to do, is sometimes the biggest challenge I face. But I find that, when I allow Him to help me rest, the debilitating fullness or weight of worry recedes, and the empty void becomes full of strength and peace that only He can give. And despite feeling like I have nothing left to give, He can use the strength and peace with which He's filled me to reach others in ways I couldn't have done

Special Prayer Requests

- DISCIPLESHIP LESSONS
- STEPS TO ORGANIZING THE CHURCH
- SEMINARY CLASSES AND STUDENTS
- LAND AND FINANCES FOR BUILDING
- A NATIONAL TO PASTOR THE WORK
- JOEL SMOTHERS—YOUNG MISSIONARY COLLEAGUE COMING TO WORK WITH US



KIDZ CORNER

Eating Ancient Mediterranean
 By Aydan Dickens

This was a history project. We fixed and ate tomato and lentil soup. We talked about The Last Supper and how John rested on Jesus' chest. Everyone sat on the floor except Mommy because of her knees. I asked if we could watch a movie, but Daddy said that he did not think that the Israelites watched movies while they ate. We also ate unleavened bread which was only soft taco shells. All of us liked the lentil soup. When Mommy got up to do something, Daddy said something about Judas Iscariot doing whatever he was going to do quickly. It was funny because as the meal was closing, more people started getting up and I said, "More Judases are betraying Jesus." It was fun to sit at the low table (which was only a felt board on two boxes).

