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Dear Praying Friends,

John Wesley, in his sermon “The More Excellent Way” wrote: ***Hunger is said to be “good sauce” for the appetite; but a still better sauce is cheerful thankfulness, and the food so seasoned is the most agreeable kind.***

Thanksgiving Day is almost upon us and the weather forecast for Cuiabá is 102 degrees! I’m cooking the turkey today so I won’t have to heat up the house tomorrow. Still, we are looking forward to joining together with almost 100 fellow missionaries (from many different sending agencies) for a huge meal together. It will be the last year for such a gathering because the Wycliffe school for missionary kids will be closing this year and many families are dispersing to other cities in Brazil.

As we look over our list of blessings, you, our partners, are top on the list. How can we thank you enough for your prayers and financial support that allow us to live and work in Brazil? We often feel overwhelmed with the Lord’s goodness in letting us be here. He keeps helping us, teaching us, using us, stretching us and blessing us. There is no place we’d rather be! Thank you for your love and prayers that encourage us.

Some other things for which we are grateful:

- 1) The Lord’s leading in our decision about what to do next school year. He is opening the doors for us to move to Sao Paulo where our sons will be attending Pan American Christian Academy. Their dad is pleased with this since that is his own high school alma mater. It will be good to reconnect with friends and churches after almost a dozen years away. Dan plans to be involved in the FM seminary (among other things). We look forward to seeing what other opportunities for ministry the Lord has for us.
- 2) Steven’s upcoming visit at Christmastime. The Lord has given him a terrific semester at Spring Arbor University. Thank you for praying.
- 3) Brazilian Annual Conference and the Free Methodist World Conference in Sao Paulo earlier this month. Dan felt privileged to be a part of these gatherings as translator and observer.
- 4) Recent growth in several churches in Cuiaba. The attached picture was taken last week and shows Dan participating in a baptism for the Dr. Fábio church.

May your Thanksgiving be seasoned with “the most agreeable of sauce of cheerful thankfulness”.

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