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Dear Prayer Partners,

To those of you who have kept track of us via our blog some of this may seem repetitious. BUT we'd rather praise the Lord too much than too little. We are so grateful for all the ways He has led us in the past few months.

FINDING THE HOUSE - We've been here for two months, but the Lord began answering prayer even before we arrived! Dan had done research on housing and we'd been told we'd never find anything in the area we wanted (near the boys' school) for the price we could afford. Finally we contacted a realtor in that neighborhood and he sent pictures through the internet of the house across the street from his own. We really liked it AND it fit our budget! A few weeks later Dan went to Sao Paulo on business and signed the contract.

GETTING SETTLED - The first week in July we left Cuiaba and headed east to our new life in the big city. We had about a week to wait for the moving van to arrive. Even after it came it took another week to get our gas, water and electricity hooked up. How thankful we were for the lovely house we'd been loaned for those days of waiting.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL - While waiting on the phone company to install our phone line we have been able to use the internet at the American School nearby. We love the beautiful campus and newly renovated library. Dan graduated from PACA (Pan American Christian Academy) a little over 30 years ago and he's thrilled that his sons are going to school there now. School has been in session for 4 weeks and the boys are enjoying their teachers and classes.

OUR CHURCH - We were hesitant about returning to the church we attended 15 years ago. After all, it was well-established and didn't need "missionary help". The rumor was that they were considering planting a new church and when that rumor were confirmed we were glad to "get on board".

WONDERFUL PRAYER PARTNERS! - We wanted to let you know how your prayers on our behalf have been answered. We couldn't be here without your love and support and we appreciate you more than words can say. Pray that we will faithfully lift up the Lord "that all men might be drawn unto Him".

For His glory and our joy, *Dan and Hope Owsley*

(Journal entries & prayer updates are available weekly at: www.danowsleyfamily.typepad.com)

P.S. This past weekend Dan preached at the Soracaba FMC. Afterwards we took a picture of Andrew with the pastor's three kids.

