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# The Owsley Chronicles

**My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. (Psalm 71:15)**

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## More Seminary Students

Eight members of the Dr. Fábio FMC are now attending seminary. One of them, Carlos, has a strong call to ministry and is doing all he can to prepare. The church began with outreach to neighborhood children and Carlos was one of the first to respond. Pastor Ney and his wife are thrilled that the Lord keeps adding to their number. The church is full and there are never enough chairs for everyone.

**Glory to God!**

**Prayer Requests and Praises**

The Lord continues to do a mighty work in the country of Brazil. From a large gathering of Wesleyan Christians in the mega city of São Paulo to a small but rapidly growing church in a small town, His name is being lifted up.

## FM Matriarch Goes to Heaven



Dan often tells the story of how a young Brazilian, José Emerenciano, and his Japanese colleague, Daniel Nishizumi, started the Brazilian Free Methodist Church in 1946. What often goes unmentioned is the prayer force behind Reverend José. For over 50 years Irene Emerenciano served beside her husband, José, as pastor's wife and prayer warrior. Together she and Reverend Emerenciano planted and pastored many churches. Dona Irene went to Heaven on July 12, 2011.

## Change of Status

The mission board is granting us a one-year leave of absence, which started in July. Though we continue to maintain daily contact with our Brazilian colleagues and prayerfully expect to be re-engaged with our ministry in Brazil by next summer, we will no longer be on missionary salary as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope that when we return to Brazil many of you will consider supporting us financially again.

1. Praise the Lord for a great year of partnership building.
2. Praise the Lord for helping Hope in her recent trip to São Paulo to take care of many loose ends.
3. Praise for the eight who prayed to accept Christ in South Dakota recently when Dan went there as a part of an evangelistic work team.
4. Pray for each of our sons to grow in their walk with the Lord.

With that in mind, we plan to send out occasional updates and prayer requests. If you would prefer not to receive these, you may hit the "SafeUnsubscribe" button at the bottom of this letter. Some of you may wish to continue your support even through the nine months as our health insurance will continue be covered by our [support account](#).

We can never thank you enough for your faithfulness to us during these past two decades of ministry. A lengthier explanation of our leave of absence is available [here](#) on our new blog.

**For His glory and our joy,**

*Dan and Hope Owsley*

**Your Missionaries to Brazil**