

"Ye are a chosen generation, a holy nation, a special people; ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." I Peter 2:9

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Dear Friends,

Let me share with you how the Lord is blessing in the work here in Northeast Brazil. I praise the Lord for believers of the Peace Baptist Church who saw the need of starting a work here in the city. They feel they are a chosen people to show others how God called them out of darkness into light. They want to bring the light of salvation to those in the darkness of sin. It is from this verse that they chose the name, Holy Nation Baptist Congregation, for their new work. Since my last furlough, I have been working with them. We have seen steady growth and thank the Lord for those who have been saved.

Last year land was purchased and the auditorium was built. Little room was left for expanding. This year an adjacent piece of property was purchased and building began in March. The pastor was overseeing this project, but in May he was called to be director of the seminary. The church and seminary were keeping him too busy to have time for the building project. We didn't want to see it stopped so asked the Lord to show us what to do. I had noticed one of the men, who lives near the congregation and works nights, was often at the site looking around. I discovered he knows a lot about construction. So he is overseeing the workers and telling me when they need materials. He loves checking in the stores for the best prices and has helped with some of the buying. Others from the church have volunteered to help haul the materials. Many of you are also helping with your generous gifts and prayers so this project can be completed. The Lord is blessing.

The court, patio, and bathrooms are finished. The children are very thankful for the new court. Every Saturday afternoon about 30 come for Children's Bible Club. Last week we had 45 there for VBS. A few weeks ago many parents came for family night. Games were played on the court and everyone enjoyed the devotional time and refreshments. By the time you receive this letter the new classrooms should be finished. Now the children have Sunday School on the patio under the Mango tree. The adults and youth use the auditorium. We are making a small kitchen for social events. All the walls still need to be plastered and we need a sidewalk laid along the street.

In the midst of construction we see the Lord blessing. Souls are being saved and several have rededicated their lives to the Lord. Pray that we can continue to bring light to those in darkness.

Thank you for your encouraging letters and for your gifts and your prayers for the work here. I pray that you can be used to bring light to those still in darkness around you.

Sincerely in Christ,

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I praise the Lord for the strength and health He continues to give me.