



A TIME OF REFRESHING



This month, Larry and I arrived back in Brazil with a refreshing. Prior to our trip to the states, we both felt completely drained and in need of rest. Our spiritual warfare had been constant and non-relenting. Without coming off like whiners and complainers (I hope!), we shared with some of the pastors and churches in the states just a little of the challenges we had experienced in Brazil over the previous year.

God's provision while we were in the states was awesome! Actually, it began even before we ever arrived. We did not have the finances to purchase the tickets, but God put it in my spirit to check the possibility of using our airline mileage to secure tickets. We had just enough to get us there! We would concern ourselves over the return later. ☺ Then, a precious couple from one of our supporting churches offered us one of their vehicles to use throughout our entire itineration time. Mind you, it was the first time that this had ever happened in all of our years as missionaries!

While in the US, we saw God work in our

favor time and time again. For our first ministry engagement, we were offered hotel stay in the executive suite for not just the evening prior to our meeting, but for four whole days! Those four days did infinite good in terms of helping us to prepare our mindset for the great task before us of sharing in churches.

We were also offered a stay in a house on a lake in South Carolina if we wanted it. Of course we took advantage of the opportunity and reunited with some pastor friends in that area. We also attended two days of a conference in SC featuring Bill Winston, Creflo Dollar, Helen Baylor and many others. It was great just taking the time to be fed the Word.

As always, it was great seeing family and friends. We used our daughter, Valerie's apartment in Raleigh, NC as a base, but traveled to many cities to do ministry. We also visited our son, Vincent, in DC to see his apartment for the first time. It was great being "the four of us" again. It's cool living here in Brazil, but just know that there's no place like home!

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Deborah poses with recording artist Helen Baylor at conference

SNAIL MAIL

Once more, we are in the process of finding ways to cut costs. One of the ideas that we came up with is to gain more email addresses so that we can more economically deliver our newsletters. Postage (as well as printing costs) has consistently gone up over recent years and continues to do so. In the past, if there were not enough funds to mail out newsletters through the US postal system, **we only sent them to our email listing.** In order to avoid having to do this any more, we are asking that if you receive our newsletters by postal services **and** you have an email address, please send it to us so that we can use this alternate means of delivery to you instead thereby decreasing our postal costs. An added bonus is that you will receive communications sooner!

Vehicle Purchase

The time has come for us to finally purchase a vehicle for use in Brazil. We have been extremely limited in our activities by our inability to travel to the places that we feel God is leading us to go.

If you believe that God is touching your heart to help with the purchase of our vehicle, then please send your seed as soon as possible. Remember to mark it for our “Car Account” on the attached coupon. May God multiply your seed sown!

How to Make it Stick – By Larry Hunter

One day, I decided to make a collage board consisting of many types of cut-out pictures and sayings which supported my dreams in life. With great enthusiasm, I ventured out to find and begin cutting out pictures from old magazines and newspapers. Oh, what a joy surged through me as I anticipated how “cool” my board was going to look. As I continued collecting articles, slogans and pictures of all sizes and shapes, I began to notice the increasing difficulty of keeping up with it all. “Boy, that board sure is gonna look good,” I’d think to myself as I wrestled with making sure not to lose any of my recently acquired “inspirations.”

Well, after a few days, it dawned on me (with the help of the Lord, I’m sure): “The best way for you to not lose what you

have acquired is to begin sticking them on the board”. In other words, I needed to regularly **apply** what I was obtaining so that I wouldn’t lose it. Can you see where I am going with this?

Have you ever, after hearing a great message, thought to yourself, “That preacher was right on. I already know these things. How in the world did I allow this truth to get away from me?” This has happened with all of us at one time or another. How can we keep from losing the Word of God that we’ve learned? How can we get God’s Word to really “stick” in our lives? We must commit to **applying** God’s revealed truths to our lives. When I speak of applying God’s Word, what I am really talking about is “acting” in obedience to it. Once you understand God’s

Word in a given area, just choose actions in agreement with it. The Apostle James said it best in James 1:22-25 (KJV):

22But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Yes, the only way for us to be able to retain God’s word and mature to be all that he has created us to be in Christ is to resolve to be a **doer** of the truths that we are learning. May God bless you!

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