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Household Needs

As you may remember, when Larry and I first came to Brazil, we each brought only 2 suitcases and a carry-on bag. We moved into a one-bedroom furnished apartment which was supposed to be temporary for just one month. More than a year and a half later, we are finally moving into a suitable dwelling place. With our new home, we are now in great need of the following items:

- Refridgerator (\$640)
- Stove (\$400)
- Kit. Table/Chairs (\$200)
- Cookware/Dishes (\$150)
- Bed (\$260)
- 2 Desks/chairs (\$400)
- Livingroom Set (\$645)
- Fan (\$43)
- Air Conditioning Unit (\$465)

We welcome you or your church to perhaps take on any of these needs as a special project. Thank you in advance!

"Because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does..."
— Eph. 6:8 NIV

Our Arrival in Recife

Larry and I are doing well. It has been a little bit of a challenge over the past two months as we prepared for our move up north. We were initially planning on moving by September 8th, but we felt that the Lord wanted us to wait an extra month. It was difficult staying in Praia Grande but wanting to be starting up the ministry in our new location. Our internet was turned off according to our previous moving plans, so we had been going to internet cafes to stay caught up.

Since our move was put off, we made a quick trip up to Recife to house hunt. We found a 3-bedroom house to rent, but it would not be ready until the middle of October. (God is good. He already knew that.) The greatest thing about the new location is that the rent will be just about what we paid for our 1-bedroom apartment in Praia.

Anyway, we finally let our apartment go and flew up to Recife on October 6th. Our biggest obstacle has been in how we will get all of our things here. We brought up some things during our house-hunting trip last month, and at least 4 suitcases this time. The rest (including our washing machine and bicycles) is with some missionary friends of ours back in

Sao Paulo. Our options are to ship them by truck (in which case our friends can oversee that), or return to bring the rest (**excluding** the washing machine and our bikes) back by a 43 hour bus trip. Or, we may rent a vehicle and drive our items back.

We have been blessed to be able to stay with good friends here. Even so, it seems like a never ending saga. We were told two weeks ago that our house would be ready in one more week.

When we looked at the place on the new move-in date we found that the owner hadn't done much of anything in the past month and a half as far as we could see. Then a few days later we saw drastic improvements. We were excited until we found out that the city government had offered him



2½ times as much to rent the house as our agreed upon price. The owner was nice enough to allow us to move into the house if we choose or

to help us find another place wherein he would be willing to co-sign for us. We have been looking at other places, but we have yet to find as nice a place as the one we had agreed upon. So, the saga continues but we hope to have good news to report soon concerning this issue.



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It's pretty difficult to have full reign over your own life and ministry when you are in someone else's house living on their schedule. Larry and I ministered in a couple of church services in Sao Paulo and in one church while in Recife last month. We have been attending church services at two churches and we have participated in several different outreaches since we have moved to Recife (2½ weeks now). The first was a Banquet Of Love (Banquete de Amor) Outreach to the poor. The second was a Children's Day Celebration. Then yesterday we participated in the annual Marcha Para Jesus (March for Jesus) Rally. We had participated in one of these in Mexico several years ago, but this one was even bigger. It featured many regional bands and culminated with preaching and a grand concert of three well known Christian music artists.

We met separately with two Pastors this week to discuss the English outreach that we will be offering in their churches starting in November. We will also be doing a Bible extension course in one of the churches, but the Pastor advised that we wait until the New Year because it is currently the beginning of summer break. We have already learned that to start anything long-term at this time of the year in this culture would be fruitless.

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What Time Is It

Here in Recife, we have had to make quite a few adjustments. It's significantly hotter here as we are closer to the equator. But even more drastic than that, this city does not adhere to Daylight Savings Time as other places in Brazil. So, instead of the clock changing, the television programs come on at different times. We find ourselves waking up to full daylight at 4:30 in the morning. That part is really rough since this culture doesn't even go to sleep until after midnight.



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