



## Greetings from sunny California!

We had a special family time over Christmas holidays in Michigan. And now, how special it is to be in sunny California!

### 1. Join us in Celebration for the following blessings:

#### English Services

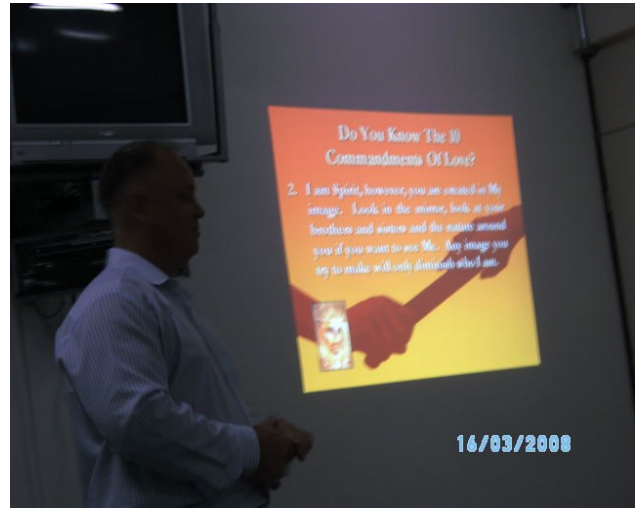
Bruce is now holding two monthly English services, at Bethel Baptist and IBAB. (Baptist church of white water) Thank the Lord with us for the opportunity we have had to present the Gospel and to aide the believers and friends who has joined us to acquire better English skills. English have become a need for career success in Brazil.

#### English Classes,

This year we had students from different Brazilian corporations. We also have had adults and children from our own neighborhood. Bruce has held informal class gatherings at different fun locations like the Zoo and Farmers Market. We have been able to develop special friendships with the students. We have had most of them for meals at our home. They specially enjoy the American breakfast Bruce cooks

#### Health:

We got a clear report from Roseni's oncologist . Her white cells that were very low, now with the right diet and vitamins, has the best counts in the last 7 years! Thank the Lord with us! Roseni is cancer free.



*Bruce Sharing the Word at Bethel Baptist*



#### Family:

Bruce and Roseni met their first grandchild, Colton, while in Michigan. He is 2 months old and was born to Bruce's daughter, Leslie.

*Colton our first grandson*

#### Home:

Our home remodeling project provided a better space for our meetings and gathering. We already had a service with about 130 people for our 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Several smaller groups from the Celebrate Recovery program have also been to our house. Celebrate Recovery used the new space to bake about 500 Christmas cookies to donate to our church missions outreach program.



*A male group recovered from alcohol and drug addiction They are singing at one of our meeting! Most of them were homeless for many years. The song they are singing in the picture says that there is power in Jesus' name to truly change darkness into light.*

*The second picture was a Special Christmas dinner prepared by celebrate Recovery members that serves about 150 men from the first picture. It was one of the most special events on 2011! We had the privilege to serve and fellowship with those brothers that once were in complete darkness and now recovered by God's immense love. Those two pictures were taken this last December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>*

## Celebrate recovery

Celebrate recovery now has an attendance of 100 people weekly! We had a very blessed year. Two leaders left the program, but even so, the Lord has provided and the ministry is expanding. The monthly attendance in November was 411 people. Praise the Lord with us for this group of honesty people that openly state the need of Jesus in areas of their lives that need recovery!

Please pray that the two leaders, who left, would be replaced. This last year was one of the most challenging years we ever faced. Pray with us that the Lord of the Harvest would send the workers for his harvest.

## **2. Pray with us for the following needs:**

1. Personal and vibrant relationship with the Lord, we believe to be the true ground for an honest presentation of Jesus' good news.
2. English services at both churches. Pray that they would provide the people who attend biblical English fluency, (the English schools they attend, bible terms are not taught) and specially presenting the unbelievers with the Gospel message.
3. Celebrate Recovery training for 2012. We need about 10 new group leaders, 5 men's and 5 women's to coordinate the alcohol, drug, sex, physical and emotional abuse and codependency groups. Our first leadership training section will be on February the 5<sup>th</sup>. We would really appreciate your prayers; leadership training is the key for the program's growth.
4. For the Lord's protection. We have sensed the spiritual battle in a much stronger degree as the strongholds of addictions are been broken in so many lives from Celebrate Recovery. In twenty one years of ministry in Brazil, our home was broken into twice this last year. The last time, was last week when we were already in the USA. There was nothing of high financial value for the robbers to take away! Please, continue to pray for protection for our home and our lives.
5. That the Lord would continue to provide for our financial needs during this furlough and back in Brazil during this difficult world financial crisis.

### **3. Our Itinerary**

January 8<sup>th</sup> Santa Maria

January 15<sup>th</sup> Merced Morning and Strathmore

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Frazier Park

January 29<sup>th</sup> Downey

Our cell number here in the USA is (626) 200-3477.

It would be very nice to hear from you. Call or drop us a note if possible.

Have a blessed 2011.

Thanks so much for your investment in our lives and in Brazil,

In Him,

Bruce&Roseni