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Hello Everyone

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support. Without all your prayers and financial support we would not be able to continue to serve God in Brazil. In this financial climate when things are getting more expensive and family's are being stretched financially we really appreciate everything that you do for us in Northern Ireland.

School

Four new teachers were needed for school starting back in January. Praise God four new Christian teachers were interviewed and offered jobs and all of them were able to start on time. There is a high turnover of staff in the schools in Brazil. Teachers seem to just commit to one or two years in the same school before moving on. The school started back on the 31st of January with 164 pupils. Since then more students have been enrolled. We currently have 170 pupils enrolled in the school.

The building work continues slowly but hopefully the two classrooms and toilets, which we got grant money for, will be finished next month. Last week the concrete was put on the roof with extra help from the people who work on the grounds and maintenance etc. Once they have been completed work progress on the rest of the ground floor.



extra help



concreting the roof



plastering

Office

The last month has been really busy with the accountants and auditor getting everything finalised before the AGM which was on the 12th of March. We are in the process of having our charitable status renewed and received a request for additional information which had to be sent on the 4th of March. It is a very time consuming process getting all the documents together, copied and getting reports and other information from the accountants and auditor. In the end we got everything together at 3 o'clock on the Friday afternoon and put in the post, in all it weighed 9 lbs.

This year there was the election of a new President and Vice-President etc of The Valley who will hold the positions for the next two years. The outgoing President was travelling to

Bolivia the day after the AGM so the lawyer and I had to get the minutes of the meeting ready so I could print them and get them signed before he left. There will be a lot of change within the management structure of the Valley and a lot of people outside the Valley to inform. Once the minutes of the meeting are registered I have to send copies to all the banks and different government departments advising them of the changes so I will be kept very busy organising that.

Family

Nicholas has started pre-school and is really enjoying it. He goes every day from 1pm to 5pm.



Cláudia's Mum's health has stabilised at the moment. While she is able to do some things for herself she is unfortunately confined to the house. Please remember her in your prayers as she is still trying to get used to life on her own and is feeling lonely being at home all the time.

Praise God:

- for His faithfulness during the year and continued guidance for our future;
- for continued support from family and friends;
- the new teachers and pupils;
- for the continuing building work;
- continued good health for our family.

Pray for:

- God to raise up more people to donate to the building fund;
- the Valley's charitable status to be renewed;
- Cláudia's Mum;

