



Nova Holanda
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Dear pastor and friends:

The first session of our Bible College classes was held at the church here the second week of September with missionary James Nash administering the long hours of classes. Another session ended today in which Pastor Edilson from Recife taught the classes while the Nashes taught classes in the swamps and in Pilão Arcado. We have about twenty enrolled in the classes here in Nova Holanda and trust that in due time we will have more preachers and workers to help expand the work in this interior region of Northeast Brazil.

On October 12, which is a national holiday in honor of Brazil's patron saint, our church here accepted the invitation of our church in Avelino Lopes to spend the day there. Two busloads and a van full of our people left at 600 AM for a time of fellowship with the church there and returned home after midnight. That was the first church in which I helped when I left São Paulo to come to this part of Brazil in 1973. Many of the original members are no longer there or even living, but it was a blessing to see many of their children and grandchildren faithfully serving in the church as well as many former members from Nova Holanda who have moved there throughout the years.

At last the welcome rains have come to end our six-month dry season. The countryside is green and instead of the parched ground there is mud or damp sand. The rainy season also has its problems, one of which is an absent horse. He evidently found a place with better pasture too far away to make it worth his coming each day for a quart of corn. So for over two weeks I have been left to walk or hire a car to take me where I need to go.

The last four months of this year I am teaching an intermediate class in the Sunday School, as I was appointed as one of the three teachers. It is quite challenging since lifestyles, attitudes, and the mentality of most of the younger generation has changed quite a bit during the last several years. This was not so evident in the swamps, but the modernization of this village with advanced schooling is making a difference. Four of the ten pupils in my class are not yet Christians, so pray that the Word of God which they are hearing weekly will produce saving faith in their hearts.

Thank you so much for all you have been doing through your prayers and/or financial support to make it possible to reach people in this part of the world with the message of salvation.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Browning

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