

# News from the Campos Family

**"Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored..."**  
2 Thess. 3:1

## DEAR FRIENDS AND MINISTRY PARTNERS

It is soooo good to know we are not alone! Not only do we have the assurance that the Lord is a personal God who cares deeply about our lives, and is always right beside us, but also we know through e-mails, letters, and gifts, that many of you pray for us and take part in our ministry.

Friends, we want to ask you to pray for us and for our new ministry. We have been working hard to get a church started in the Caxangá area in the city of Recife. For the last 5 months we have invited over 2000 families from our community into our home; however, being in one of the most violent and dangerous cities in the world, not only do we put our family at risk, but people are too scared to accept to come into a stranger's house.



We have been asking the Lord for a place to rent on a visible street, but since we live in a highly commercial area, building rentals are very expensive. We have tried to rent school auditoriums just on Sundays, but we have not found anyone who is willing to rent one out yet.

But God has put a passion in our hearts and we truly believe it is also His desire that "[His] message... spread rapidly and be honored..." here in the Caxangá area. People here are in desperate need of Biblical truth, since the prosperity Gospel has become so predominant.

In our extensive search for a meeting place, we recently found a "dream building" to rent. It has a good location, 6 classrooms, and a good size covered area where we can have Worship Services, an Awana Club, and many other activities. It is a miracle that this building, which is twice as large as any other one we found, is about half the

price as the others! For instance, we found an auditorium (at a club) available only on Sunday evenings for the same price! This is really an incredible deal, and we can use it all week long!

Our prayer and hope is that God will raise 30 friends to pray and give toward **Caxangá Church Planting Project**. We are praying that God places in the heart of these 30 warriors the desire and the means to contribute with \$30 dollars per month for one year (May 2005 'til May 2006), at which point we are praying and believing that the new converts will take over the church's expenses.

We trust that if it is God's will, He will give us the means to rent it, so we can effectively reach the people in this area for Christ. Perhaps the Lord has other plans, which are guaranteed to be better than ours, so join us in prayer in our pursuit of God's outreach plan for us here in Recife. Prayer is powerful!



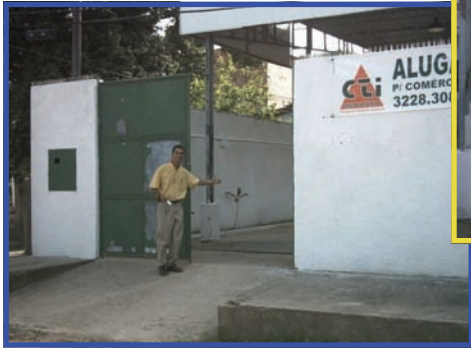
**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER!**

- For wisdom to make the right decisions;
- For the hearts of the people in this area to be softened;
- For us not to feel discouraged;
- For us to be able to build relationships with our neighbors;
- For *Grace Bible Church* in Caxangá to truly be "A Place to Belong," as our logo says.

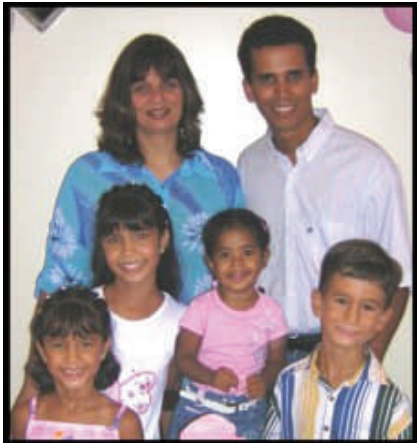
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**Lord willing, the "soon to be" *CAXANGÁ GRACE BIBLE CHURCH***



**A MORE PERSONAL NOTE...**



*Michelle, Joe, Jéssica (7), Elly (9), Isabelle (2) & Nathan (6)*

Our family is doing well. It has been a year since our family grew, and we thank the Lord for this added blessing in our lives.

Elly had corrective surgery on both her feet last month, and we praise God that all went well and she is recovering as planned.

Our children are going to a Brazilian Christian School, and they are all doing well, even Elly, who was 8 when she joined our family, and had much catching up to do in school this last year.

Please also remember to pray for our children's schooling needs. This added expense has been a monthly challenge for us.

Because He is faithful and powerful,

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**Thank you for your partnership!**

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