

Merry Christmas!

From the Richner family

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Psalm 103:7

Our God is a gracious God and He has truly blessed us! During this holiday season our hearts and thoughts are focused on God's



Ariana, Cindy, Jason, Randy and Joel

greatest gift. We praise Him for the wonderful salvation we have through Jesus Christ our Lord. What a privilege it is to share that gift with people all around the world.



Randy's sister Becky and cousins Sarah, Grace, Emily

We want to express our gratitude to God for the many blessings we have experienced throughout the last few months. We are so thankful for the good adjustment the kids have made to the USA and how well Ariana and Joel are doing in school. We thank God for His care and provision for us as we have settled in and traveled to supporting churches. We thank God for the warm reception we are receiving from our churches and individual supporters and are greatly encouraged by their continued support in the midst of economic challenges. We are also thankful for the opportunity Randy has been given to complete a Masters in Biblical Counseling before our return to Brazil.

We have been able to rest and do some fun things as a family. Randy has been hunting during the last month and has added some venison to the freezer. Cindy has enjoyed being a part of a women's Bible study in church and getting together with friends. Joel has enjoyed playing soccer and basketball at school and both Ariana and Joel are in choir. Ariana has made frequent trips to the library where she can read to her heart's content. Jason has enjoyed playing at the Children's Museum and loved building a showman and playing in the snow for the first time.

It has been a joy to spend the holidays with our family and friends. We look forward to spending Christmas and New Year's with Cindy's family. We are excited to welcome our nephew, baby Will, into the world in February.

Before we return in June, we plan to visit the rest of our supporting churches and because of our support needs, hope to contact a few new churches for support. Pray that God will supply the \$800 monthly support we lack. Please pray also for our safety in travel (especially during the winter months). Pray that God will use us to encourage people in their involvement in world missions. Please continue praying for the church at Feitoria and the ABWE ministry in Brazil.



Randy and the boys with brother-in-law Matt Bruckner

May God richly bless you and use you during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Love, *Randy, Cindy, Ariana, Joel, and Jason Richner*

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