

God's Will Worked Out Daily

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Jerry and Lynda Neuman -- in Fortaleza since 2002, serving with ABWE in Brazil since 1984

A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps. Pr. 16:9-10 21

There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD's counsel— that will stand. Pr. 19:21

We have seen the truth of these verses worked out one more time since we last wrote you. At that time, we were planning various ministry trips to our MMM fields: East Timor and possibly Japan, Guyana, Portugal, Cape Verde & Gambia. The Lord confirmed only the trip to the last two fields by supplying a part of the funds necessary in a designated offering for this visit to our two African fields. Both we and our missionaries on the other fields were disappointed, but confident that in God's time, He will supply the means.

Just as the clock goes into **Friday** here we will leave for Lynda's first and Jerry's third **trip to the the Gambia via the Cape Verde Islands**. Jerry was invited to bring 7 messages about Boldness to the team in Gambia made up of ABWE missionaries and our MMM dentist Carlos Heron and family. To get to Gambia we must stay in Praia, Cape Verde for a few days both ways. So we will take advantage of the opportunities to visit and minister to our missionaries there.

Friday through Sunday I hope to teach as much of my Christian Ethics class to the leadership team at the Church of the Bible in Praia. One is our missionary evangelist, Fabio Brito, while the others are training for the ministry. Junior, who was the pastor, and family were called back to their home church in São Paulo to replace their retiring pastor, so we want to encourage this group as they look to the challenges ahead. **Friday afternoon, Lynda** will have the privilege of being physically present for **her usual study with the ladies concerning Heart Idols**.

Sunday, we fly to Dakar, Senegal, where we have to overnight waiting for the flight to Banjul, the Gambia Monday evening! This is a little scary since neither of us speak French, but we will be staying at a missionary guest house, if we can give the right directions to the taxi driver! After the less than an hour flight, **we'll arrive in the Gambia Monday night**.

We'll be with our MMM couple, Carlos Heron and Ana Laura, **Tuesday and Wednesday**. The team retreat starts **Thursday** morning when I will be speaking 7 times in three days!

Heading back to Dakar on Monday, we overnight to fly **back to Praia on Tuesday, November 1**. The 2nd, All Saints Day, is traditionally a day to do cemetery evangelism in Catholic countries, so we will probably join in with believers there in Praia. We leave Cape Verde the 3rd to arrive home early Friday the 4th, with little sleep.

That same afternoon, Lynda will teach the ladies in Cape Verde again this time by Skype and then take off for the ladies retreat weekend through Sunday afternoon.

SIBIMA Update

My SIBIMA class is Friday, so I will need to be up to teach my 4 hr class that night. We moved into the second semester the beginning of August, preparing to teach a third level Hebrew class but then I was told it was to be a course in Exegetical Methodology of the Old Testament. (Oh!) I am trying to make good progress but we have had a number of interruptions. My six students are enthusiastic and that helps.

Jerry and Donna Layton, missionaries for more than 35 years in the Philippines, were invited by SIBIMA to present a **Creation Conference** in September, the main thrust being to show that the Creation account in Genesis 1 and 2 is reliable against the teaching of evolution. With us for a couple of weeks, they were also able to present a viable Creation argument at UNILAB, the University for Portuguese speaking countries just outside of Fortaleza, as well as several presentations at our church. These were exciting and very busy days and nights. Praise the Lord for the great impact they had here in that short time.

Five MMM Missionaries Leave for the Field

Since our last prayer letter **Adriano and Josi Silva** came to full support and moved to **Argentina** for ministry. Currently they are substituting for an American missionary family who are on furlough for 6 months. When they return the Silvas will continue working with this family and ministry for about a year before they branch out on their own. **Cris Siebra and Duda Kedma** came to the point of support to for their field, **Bolivia**. After only a week on the field they are already having ministries with children and ladies, supporting the missionary ministries of another Brazilian family. **Danielli Costa left for Madagascar** and is beginning her Madagasy language training which will last for 6 months. **Leilane Gomes leaves for East Timor Nov. 15**, where she will join our MMM couple already on the ground ministering. Her presence will enhance the children's ministries already going and help in the launch of a new foreign language school they will use to reach others and justify their presence in this otherwise closed country.

Family Update

Lydia finished up her job and returned to Brazil the last day of October. She is working on her graduation project, cramming two semesters into two or three months, depending on how long the current strike lasts. Even before she returned, a number of English students were after her to give classes again, so she's grateful for God's provision. In barely two weeks, she was back into ministry – in charge of the music for the children's retreat last weekend and singing on the Praise Team. It is a joy to see her joy in serving! We appreciate your prayers for direction as she looks to the future.

There are some challenges facing our family for which we would ask you to pray for hearts to discern God's direction and guidance in how to be faithful and persevering.

Thank you for being on our team!

We appreciate your perseverance in reading this long letter. We will try to do better at keeping you updated at least monthly, so our report doesn't have to be so long. We are immensely grateful for your support in prayer for us in the varied ministries God has granted us involvement.

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