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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Newsletter

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Christmas greetings to you, our friends! We pray this letter finds you happy & healthy. In this Christmas newsletter we'd like to share with you some of the highlights of the last two months.

We stepped off the plane on a rainy October morning setting foot in beautiful Rio de Janeiro. We were finally there!—a trip we had been planning for several months. The minute we arrived in Brazil we felt the Lord's peace and confirmation that we were right where we were supposed to be for the job ahead of us. With only 2 weeks to accomplish everything we had set out to do, we took advantage of every day to make the very most of this trip.



Nathanael and Esther in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

With an itinerary ranging from simple to-do's to important business, we prayed daily that the Lord would do little miracles to help us accomplish what was needed and also be able to touch the lives of those we'd

meet along the way...and He did! Some of the focal points of the trip were to follow up on those we had ministered to while living in Brazil previously, as well as to look for a property where we will be able to setup a permanent base to facilitate making more regular missionary trips.

MISSIONARY base:

- Steve Buckle joined us from Brazil for two months as an exchange missionary and helped out in our Anaheim base during the time we took our trip to Brazil
- We were able to help Pablo from Chile who stayed with us for a month of fundraising for their local missionary work.

It's Christmas time and we have been having a wonderful time caroling in our neighborhoods where we've been warmly received. It's been a great way to meet people and to pray with them and give them some of the real meaning and joy of Christmas.

Music is an important part of life and has the power to lift up and inspire people to do good and reach for the stars. Our ministry has always been musical as we find it key in reaching both young and old alike. Over the years Nathanael has had the opportunity to write and produce many songs that have been played in countries worldwide. In Uganda, Africa, a widely listened to Christian radio program called Nu Beat, has been featuring his songs many times over the past few years, and this month they requested an interview

with him to air in Africa. So Nathanael recorded an interview for their show last month and shared his testimony as well as a little of the history of the songs he's produced.



Nathanael recording in the studio

Following is an excerpt of a letter we just received from Murungi Ronald, a 15 year-old native of Uganda: "Hello, I listened to your interview on the radio last week & really enjoyed your music! The question I wanted to ask you is in regards to how most people here in Uganda enjoy worldly music from America, Europe and Africa, music that doesn't seem to be very good or lift people up. So, since I am now studying to write and produce music that I want to be a positive influence on people, how can I make music that the people of my land will like to listen to? God bless you." We are keeping in regular touch with Murungi now via e-mail.

On December 4th 2005, our very own RIOVISION band played at the mall in Tijuana, Mexico at a function we helped to host for an orphanage and local families. We did pick-ups of, and brought donated stuffed animals, clothes, shoes and accessories for the Tijuana missionary home and we distributed these donated toys to the children at the event. The director of the orphanage, Olivia Sanchez wrote us saying, "Thank you very much for your presentation to our city of Tijuana, B.C. Mexico, for your beautiful message and organizational help. You're a wonderful sample to our youth. God bless you for helping to make a positive difference."



Our band playing at the TJ mall for a captive audience



Sam passing out stuffed animals to the orphan children



Exon & Joe with a TV we were able to donate to "La Familia Internacional, Tijuana base"

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