



# THE DOOLITTLE FAMILY

Missionaries in Brazil



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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Once again we come to you from Rio Branco – Acre to share a little of what God has been doing in the past two months. It does not feel like we have been here already nine months. When we look back and see what God has done in the past eight months, it is amazing.

As most of you know, we started a new work at the end of last year. God has really been working and blessing. We have seen great growth in many of the people. We are continually seeing new faces in the services and are excited to see those that trust Jesus Christ as their personal savior. These past two months we had five more people accept Jesus as their Savior. This is such a thrill and joy to know that God still loves and saves. One of these saved was our son Benjamin. He kept inquiring about being saved, and we would ask him questions. He is young and was a little confused. Then one Sunday night during the invitation he got out of his seat and came forward. Stephen asked him what he wanted and he said with a smile "I want to get saved." Now I do not know about you but to see someone get saved or to be able to lead them to the Lord is wonderful, but when that someone is your own flesh and blood, it is marvelous.

The work here is growing. We are about to start two different levels of a Bible institute. First Stephen is taking four, possibly five, adolescents and will start to train them. Also we are taking the older ones that can commit to studying and starting to work with them as well. We already go out on Sunday afternoon with the people of the church to hand out flyers and tracts from door to door. This has been a real blessing, because it has involved many of the people of the church. We have more wanting to be part of this work. As of now we have two teams. A total of twenty five people are involved. One team goes out this Sunday and the other team goes out the following one. We have a map of the city in the church so each team gets to mark the streets they do every Sunday. In a very short time we already handed out over 2,500 flyers. Through this ministry we have seen people come visit the church.

As in any work, we have had some struggles as well. We have learned more working eight months in Rio Branco than the six and a half years we worked in the small city of Brasileia. Through all the struggles, God has always been with us, and we have really had to rely on Him for wisdom in the situations that we have faced. But God is good. The month of September our church should be organized. We are just waiting for the papers to come back from the registry office. We are doing some work on the building and getting ready for another baptism. So, we praise Him for all the wonderful blessings that He gives us even with the struggles we have faced.

The work at the church in Guajar is also going well. We have services there every fifteen days. Every other month we show a gospel film which also draws a lot of new faces and gives us the opportunity to tell them of Jesus Christ. Please pray for this work. The last time we went to show a film the church was full. Just as the film started the generator quit working. We tried to get it started again, but it just would not start. So we had to reschedule. Thankfully the generator has been fixed, and it was only a spark plug that needed to be replaced. We will be going back out on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September to show the film.

Please continue to pray for us and the work here. Our buying power has dropped considerably due to the depreciation of the dollar. This has made it more difficult for what we can do in the ministry here. But God has time and time again met our needs and taken care of us far better than we can ourselves.

Thank you for your letters, cards, emails, prayers and financial support. May the Lord continue to use you for His honor and His glory.

IN HIS SERVICE,

Stephen, Kelly, Philip, Hannah, Joshua, and Benjamin



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