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# CHRIST FOR SÃO LUÍS

## A MINISTRY TO SÃO LUÍS, MARANHÃO, BRAZIL

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Dear Beloved Friends and Supporters,

My studies are going just fine. My 4 new students are very eager and with the furlough coming so quickly covering the bases has become one new area of stress. But I have gotten Ranney to be my substitute with the three guys. And the three were excited to have Ranney take over the study in just a month. I am still trying to get someone to take over with Natiele. My first choices declined but I still have a couple of options

The youth group hit a record high yesterday. We had a very lively meeting. It was so good to have so many contributing. And my four students also make up part of that group. And Ruth also brought a friend to the meeting. So there were 20 present for the youth group.

As for the preachers in the church, we regained Rousaniel. Or at least he said that I could count on him when we head off on furlough on May 2. That will put four preachers in the rotation once again.

As for the worship leaders, we lose Ruth, Caleb and myself and that will put a bigger burden on Regina and Silvestre since Carol asked to be left out of the group of Worship. I am hoping Rosa will decide to lead worship. I think she does so well. There will be plenty of opportunities for new people

Our furlough will be from May 2 to the end of August. I have not been able to contact everybody yet. I had some e-mails go directly to the spam and I only looked there after several attempts. I tried to give as many churches as I could an option but that was very difficult because I was also trying not to go back and forth so often. I thank you all for being so understanding. One thing I would like to ask is that we could get to our destination on the Friday before and leave on Monday. I already know that that does not work for a few churches. But even if it would be a Saturday and Sunday, it would be a great help in our traveling. And one other thing for everyone to know is that there will be Ruth, Caleb and John. Maria will not be with us for any part of the furlough. Her visa request was denied. Caleb is now one of the drivers because of my Parkinson. I can still drive but driving at night or in the rain is complicated. This will be the first time to drive more than two hours straight. Rush hour traffic is also a difficulty. My doctor has not prohibited me from driving. He just said I should start thinking about it. I just renewed my driver's license but only for three years. But I can still keep all my studies going on. I just need to arrange things around those factors.

Here is what furlough looks like:

May 8 – Westwood Christian Church  
May 15 – Franklin church  
May 22 - Funeral in White Lake  
May 29 – New Hope Christian Church  
June 5 – Martins Ferry

June 12- Kirklin church  
June 19 – Northglenn  
June 26 – Center Christian  
July 3 – Guthre  
July 10 – Staples

July 17 – Andover  
July 24 – Pleasant Grove  
July 31 – Richland Center

August 7 – Webster City  
August 14 – New Testament Church Of Christ  
August 21 – Bethel in Brandon

Please contact me by e-mail or Sylvia (sklombs@juno.com). After we get to the USA, we will be at my mom's place and her telephone number is (608)221-9332.

Hopefully we can work everything out before we get that far.

Thank you for all your kind support.  
John, Ruth, Caleb and Maria Helena.



Youth Group (20 present)



Children's Sunday School



Communion Time