

Gary and Janet Tomberlin

Missionaries to Brazil

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Dear friends and loved ones,

Our first Christmas in Brazil was in 1967. What a life! If we could do it all over again, we would love to do it. We want to share with you again the many ministries we've started and turned over to Brazilian pastors. We enjoyed each of our different ministries very much.

1st In 1967, I learned the Portuguese language. Being a missionary daughter, Janet already spoke Portuguese.

2nd We started 6 churches, helped each one build a building, and when the congregation began to grow, I turned it over to a Brazilian Pastor. I pastored 2 other existing churches for several years until each one could call a pastor.

3rd We built 2 beautiful youth camps, each had the capacity of 120 campers. The first was in city Curitiba, the second in the rural near Balsa Nova. Many young people were saved.

4th Directed 3 Regional Bible Institutes, each with 2 years of classes. A total of 49 men and women graduated and were prepared for ministry. Graduates have continued starting new churches or serving in older churches until this day.

5th Our youth camp in Curitiba was sold after 10 years of service. I was lead to sell it, because it was located on a very expensive property inside the city limits of a city of 1,000,000 people. It was sold the equivalent \$150,000.00.

6th Dr. John Rawlings donated \$50,000. We received several other contributions which gave us a wonderful start on our CHURCH BUILDING ROTATING LOAN FUND. Thru the years we have made over 130 loans to our Brazilian BBFI churches. The Fund has most certainly been a blessing.

We are so thankful for Every ministry God lead us to do in Brazil. For certain, we could not have accomplished these ministries without the financial help and prayers from all of our supporting churches in the States, and Brazilian pastors and workers.

Working together is what makes it possible to reach lives on the field.

Your missionaries to Brazil,

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