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Luena, Angola

“...Make known his deeds among the nations ... Tell of all his wondrous works!” Psalms 105:1-2

Dear brothers, sisters, and friends in Christ:

It's a joy to be able to tell you of how the Lord has been faithful during this time. As for our **family**, God has kept us healthy. We haven't suffered from malaria or any other infections. He has kept us safe from accidents in our travels and watched over us throughout our day-to-day activities.

Didier, our son, is stilling taking kinesiology and physiotherapy courses in Argentina. He is also in the middle of post-orthodontic surgery treatment and is soon going to have surgery on one of his eyes for glaucoma. We thank Dr. Roberto Mutilva for his unconditional support in the medical attention and the surgery, and all of you for all of your prayers.



The province of Moxico is the largest in Angola. Its capital, Luena, has 350,000 inhabitants. It's found on the Eastern end of the country, and the Brethren Church has worked intensely in this region since the missionary work started in Angola 131 years ago. We give thanks to the Lord for the numerous men and women who have invested their lives in this country. The **team of missionaries** currently consists of two doctors, Juan Emilio and Adriana Palacios, two nurses, Mónica Díaz and Elizabeth Rueda, and one teacher, Mariana Urbina. All are working as a team, ministering

in different areas.

Each week, in Lenin Park, the largest public park in the city, neighborhood children receive Bible lessons, memorize Scripture passages, learn Christian songs, and have a time for games. The work with the **Children** is one activity that is very important for the team. It is done through the Sunday school programs of the churches. In the month of September training programs for the Sunday school teachers have been developed and seminars have been offered.



Youth are grouped into different home Bible studies where they grow in knowledge of the basic principles of the Christian life. We had a camp in which 100 teenagers participated, had a lot of fun, received Biblical lessons, and some accepted Jesus as their Personal Savior.

The **young adults** are growing in the midst of many battles and temptations. In the last provincial camp more than 1100 young people showed up. They were challenged by the Lord to make a commitment to a holy life of service and to missionary work. We pray that our God, through his Spirit, will produce much fruit.

At the **Biblical Institution of Cassongo** we have students from all the villages, brothers with little secular academic background and sparse economical resources but with a great desire to know the Lord and his Word. Some of them are a source of motivation for our lives. They leave their families for two months so they can come be trained to better serve the Lord. Examples of lives well lived!!!



Two weeks ago, the rainy season began, and the number of patients at the **Jesus Saves Medical Center** has increased, many with cases of malaria, some are of whom are very severe and have to be admitted.

Mariazinha (not her real name) is on her fourth day of being admitted to the Medical Center with severe respiratory difficulty. The mother explained that since the one-year-old girl was crying, and it's a cultural belief, that to calm the colic and kill the "bugs" she gave her baby bottles with a mixture of water, roots, and moth balls. Her

abdomen was completely distended, and she was groaning unceasingly. Mariazinha was suffering from poisoning and was close to losing her life. She was on oxygen for two days. Thank the Lord she is now better, breathing on her own, and almost out of danger. In the next couple of days she'll be going home. We trust that God has great plans for her life. Join us in praying for children like this because many die annually as a result of these "traditional remedies".



Visitors: Mariana Barrios is visiting us for two months from the Church in Rio Gallegos, in Southern Argentina. She's a nurse and her dream of visiting Africa and serving the Lord here through her profession is finally coming true.

We are expecting a team of four from Cordoba, Argentina, for the months of December through March. They will work in the areas of child abuse prevention and evangelism with kids, youth, and the community in general, and health care at the "Jesus Saves" Medical Center.

As the Lord taught us, we **pray** that God would raise up more workers with a desire to serve in the areas of teaching the Word, health, administration, finances, construction, technical repairs of medical equipment, maintenance, etc.

In conclusion, we want to thank all the brothers and sisters who directly participate in this ministry, praying for our lives, encouraging us with letters and WhatsApp messages, and supporting us with their offerings. We continue united, making known His deeds among the nations, telling of all His wondrous works!

A huge hug to everybody and may the God of Peace continue to bless you abundantly.

In the Love of the Lord,



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