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Some current praise and prayer notes...

Praise

1) Book Release: Last week our new book *O Legado dos Avós ("Grandparents' Legacy")* was released by our publisher. We did this book in conjunction with Carol Sue's mom, Mary-Ann Cox, in fulfillment of a promise made to her years ago to record many of the ideas and principles she and Dave Cox have transmitted to their 20 grandchildren over the years. To our knowledge there is nothing like this book on the Brazilian evangelical market.

2) Family Conferences: Carol Sue and I have been able to take advantage of the school recess this past month to minister in 5 different conferences focused on the family (and especially the Christian worker's family) from northeastern to central to southern Brazil, with God's clear hand of blessing.

3) Special Dates: On July 12th we completed 24 years of ministry here in Brazil. On the 24th Carol Sue and I celebrated our 29th anniversary.

Prayer

1) Julie, who has been living with her biological family in a city about an hour from here, was in a car accident in which she lost 3 teeth, dislocated her jaw and had a deep cut requiring multiple stitches down the middle of her chin. She is currently with us as we work through multiple rounds of dental treatments to try to restore what was lost as much as possible.

2) Last semester of homeschooling: After more than 22 years of teaching each of our 6 kids, Carol Sue is about to begin her final semester. Keila should complete her senior year of high school by December, after which she plans to do a year at our school here and then back to the US for college and an "Interior Design" major.

3) Arrival of Andrew Jonathan Merkh should be any time now in the next couple of weeks! He is David and Dri's second child and our fourth grandchild, the only one we've actually been on the same continent at the time of birth!

4) New semester and travels: The students return to campus in a couple of weeks for their second semester of studies. Dave will be teaching Proverbs, Pauline Epistles, Survey of Family Life Ministries and Biblical Theology of the Family. We also have some amazing ministry opportunities around the country during the second semester, including a week in September in which we will be near the Venezuelan border in an Indian village teaching 200+ Indian leaders on the family!

Grateful for your prayer support,

Dave, Carol Sue and Keila Merkh