

Some current praise and prayer notes...

Praise

1) **Andrew Jonathan Merkh was born** on Tuesday, August 16 to David and Adriana. Carol Sue was able to help David and Adriana almost until the moment of Andrew's birth - the first time she's been on the RIGHT continent for the birth of our of our four grandchildren!

2) **FBC visit.** A group of 19 from our home church, Fellowship Baptist, were here to minister in public schools, new congregations, churches and nursing home. To date nearly 100 people from FBC have participated in one of these short-term ministries here in Brazil. This time, our son David and Jeremiah Davidson coordinated all the details, which allowed us to enjoy the time together all the more!

3) **Publications.** This has probably been our best year in terms of publication. Our publisher just informed us that they are reprinting 30,000 copies of two of our books on the husband-wife relationship, and the our recent release, *O Legado dos Avós ("A Grandparents' Legacy")* has had a great reception.

4) **Julie** is completely almost recovered from her accident and was able to have dental restorations done by a friend AT NO CHARGE. She is back living with her aunt where she works in the family clothing store, but comes back and forth for additional dental treatment.

Prayer

September is a month of varied ministry opportunities. Thanks for your prayer support, especially for the two events in bold type!

Sept 2-4 Carol Sue attends women's retreat and ministers on family finances

Sept 4, 11, 18 - Dave continues preaching through Romans 14 and 15 at 1st Baptist; Dave and Carol Sue teach couples' SS class on childrearing

Sept 8 - Carol Sue ministers to 85 pastors' wives, based on 2 Cor 4.7, "The Treasure in Earthen Vessels"

Sept 10 Dave and Carol Sue minister at a parenting conference in São Paulo

Sept 17, 21 Dave and Carol Sue speak to public school parents on childrearing

Sept 24 Dave speaks on God's heart for the world in a "Perspectives on World Missions" course (São José dos Campos)

Sept 25 - Oct 3 Dave and Carol Sue minister on the family to 200 Wai-Wai Indian leaders in a remote village in northern Brazil

We are always grateful for your prayer support and the incredible privilege to "preach the Word" and exalt Christ as long as we can, as much as we can, the best that we can, in His strength...

Dave, Carol Sue and Keila Merkh