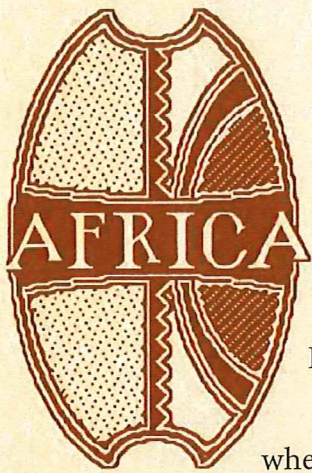


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Dear Praying Friends,

The Amazon is a long way from Africa, but that's where the Lord had me this past month. Why? There are four Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa, and we have missionaries going to two of those countries. Finding good language schools for our Africa missionaries is always a challenge, yet I visited a school in Sao Paulo, Brazil, which will be an excellent place for our missionaries to learn Portuguese while attending a nearby church where they can begin to use the language they've learned.

While there, I visited various missionaries and traveled by boat down the Amazon, preaching and visiting the churches along the river and fellowshiping with the local leadership. There are so many similarities between this region and Africa, and my heart was stirred by the great job these missionaries and nationals are doing, as well as the incredible task still before them.

I also had the opportunity to preach the field conference for twenty of the missionary families, mostly with BIMI, that work in Brazil. Teaching the missionaries was great, but what I really enjoyed was the quality time with the MKs (missionary kids). Having raised our four MKs in Africa, my wife and I understand some of their challenges. The picture at right was taken at the end of the conference as we all enjoyed some ice cream together.

When you pray for your missionaries, take some time to pray extra for their children. They have struggles and fears, just like their stateside counterparts, yet they also have incredible potential because of growing up in a different culture. Pray that God will guide them and use them as many of them move to the "foreign field" of America to begin college and careers.

Until all nations hear,

Eric Bohman



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