Greetings from Brazil in the wonderful name of the Lord Jesus. We pray that you are well and filled with His joy. We are grateful to all who pray for us and are part of our ministry.

Carnaval officially begins on Saturday the 10th of February, but the events have already begun in various parts of the city. Think Mardi Gras, but throughout the whole country. Sadly, our city has heavily promoted the event over the years, and I think they are expecting something like a million visitors this year. It is a very perverted Holiday with lots of crime. Praise God for the many Christians involved in evangelism. Pray that many who feel the emptiness of it all will open their hearts to Jesus.

I have had to spend some time at the dentist these days. One night I started having some pain so the next day I went to the dentist. There I found out that I had an infection and needed two root canals. I have had one done and am waiting to get the other one done. The medication I took for the infection really affected me, but I am feeling a lot better. My English lessons with YWAM missionaries and a missionary family that just returned from Turkey will begin after Carnaval.

Marta and Jac are both teaching at schools in our area. Marta was hired at what is called a military school. The discipline in the school is a lot better than in the public schools. Jac is teaching first grade in a public school. She has twenty-four students; four of them are a handful, she said.

It has been five years since I have visited the States, so a visit is overdue. I have made my flight reservations, arriving in NJ on May 15th and leaving back to Brazil on June 28th. I hope to see as many friends as possible during this time. Please pray about this for me.

His peace,

Rich, Marta, and Jac Hoadley Psalm 119:165 WEC Int. Fort Washington, Pa. 19034-8707

* I look forward to seeing you! Thanks for your faithful support!

*Photo: A man selling cheese in the nearby historic town of Sabará.

