

SHRIFT UPDATE

FALL 2015

"...And giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ..."

(Ephesians 5:20)

Greetings to all,

Within the next few months, our youngest, Zachary, will graduate from college. This transition to an empty nest has provided Donna with more out-of-the-home possibilities. With her extensive home-schooling background, English teaching degree, and frequent requests to start English classes, we felt the Lord's leading to pursue this as a ministry to the local community.

We opened an English program that operates three days a week in the house next door and has become quite popular.



The youth in our town have very limited education prospects, and those that are available, are of extremely poor quality.

Since one of her objectives in teaching language is to integrate biblical values, Donna invited all the students' families and relatives to a Thanksgiving Day celebration for the program's



first awards ceremony. As Eric explained the origin of this traditional American holiday, many in the group were impressed with the story of the Pilgrims upon hearing it for the first time. There was a presentation of traditional hymns and then a special time of prayers of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings. Donna put on quite a feast of novelty foods (for Brazilians) for the forty-plus attendees: three turkeys, several pumpkin pies, her prized can of cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, and much more. Everyone commented on how delicious the servings were, but some asked, "Where is the rice?" since here you can't have a meal without it.



Quick family updates:

- We are now up to 11 grandchildren, which includes John and Rebecah's first-born due in March.
- Nathaniel and Danielle will be moving to Manaus at the end of the year, en route to begin their tribal work.
- LaSal and Steve Miller have just expanded their bakery in Salida, CO. "[The Little Red Hen Bakery](#)"
- David will be deployed overseas in April.
- Jan. 1, 2016 - We will celebrate 40 years together!

May our God be at work in each of your lives.

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