

A TIME FOR REJOICING

This morning the sweet fragrance of cashew blossoms filled the air and my heart filled with praise to God for His beautiful world, created by a beautiful Savior. There are so many things for which to thank the Lord that it is hard to know where to begin. For so long we have prayed and we could not see anything happening, and suddenly things have begun to move! However, before the sublime, I will mention the merely mundane.

Friends, the "pathroom" is a thing of the past - ancient history. No more fearing meetings with toads, tarantulas or snakes in our visits. But just so I wouldn't get out of practice exercising my vocal chords, I was startled by a very large, ugly but probably harmless snake sneaking its way into the kitchen through the door! Wes said my reaction likely sent the poor critter straight to the ICU in the snake center in São Paulo. It made me doubly thankful for my lovely, clean, bugless white tiled indoor bathroom. THANK YOU LORD!



tools and teaching materials. Classes were taught using a modular form by Alcerís, Wes, Andrew and Aimee Janzen, and Ronaldo Lidório, missionary anthropologist from WEC - an excellent student/teacher ratio!

Semiraitá (the Bible School for indigenous people) officially began classes on August 19 - 30 with 3 Ticuna students. Classes took place on the property. Alcerís took the students out by motorboat and Wes took the Toyota around with all the





It was very exciting to witness Alcerís' obvious enthusiasm and growth in maturity. He taught with depth and passion, and assumed the leadership position in humility yet strength.

Teachers and students worked on the property in the afternoon. Attitudes were very positive. The students seemed to understand this school is really *theirs*.

Our Toyota also needs to be mentioned. It takes a beating on the "road" which at times is truly horrendous. Getting stuck is not uncommon but Wes usually manages to get out alone. But this jaunt out to the property acquaints him with many small time farmers whom he has helped by bringing crops of manioc or other vegetables into market. They ask "Why do you risk these roads with your old Toyota for us?" And of course the answer is, "Jesus has done so much for me; I do this in gratitude to Him." A warm friendship has developed with many, and we hope to share the Jesus film out there in the near future.



As I write, another session has begun - a continuation of the August module. Our hearts are full of gratitude for what God has done. It has not been easy to wait ... sometimes our faith seemed stretched to the limit... we often wrestled doubts. Yet we also had a deep conviction that God wanted us to "sit this one out" in terms of the school while continuing a ministry at large in Iranduba. God has answered prayer. YOU have been a vital part of this and we thank you so very, very much.

God bless you! Yours because of Jesus,

Wes and Trudy Seng