

# Wiebe's Wavelength

June 2009

Dear Family and Friends:

We have had many blessings in our ministry through the years, but Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, we received a mega personal blessing! Over the years you have prayed for Kendra as she has studied at university and for her future job. Your prayers have finally reached fruition. Thank-you! After 8 years of school, Kendra was accepted to teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade at PACA (Pan American Christian Academy) here in Brasil in the city of São Paulo. She will start August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Not only will we finally be on the same continent and in the same country, but we have been asked to consider moving full-time to São Paulo by December to work at the National CEF level. This means that if we accept we would be only 50 miles from where Kendra would be! Wow! You can imagine how our hearts are rejoicing.

What does this entail for Kendra? In exchange for a two year contract, PACA agrees to provide her with housing and a minimal amount per month to meet her very basic needs. PACA is a non-profit organization able to provide donors with income-tax deductible receipts. Usually their full-time teachers raise their own monthly support as regular missionaries. They have asked Kendra to raise enough extra per month for transportation and other expenses. She also needs to raise some one-time support to help pay for her move and to set up housekeeping in São Paulo. She definitely will need many people to pray regularly for her. Should any of you be interested in Kendra's new ministry in any way, please feel free to contact her at: [kendra.wiebe@hotmail.com](mailto:kendra.wiebe@hotmail.com) or call her at: 204-326-3809. As you can well imagine, she has a lot to do to be able to leave by mid-July. Please pray with us that all the details will be ironed out to her satisfaction. Thank-you.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch—or should I say beach town—Ron and I are keeping very busy. (What else is new?) We teach here in Natal twice a week. And every Tuesday we drive south 175 km (110 miles) to João Pessoa to help our fellow CEF worker get his certification to teach. We usually leave around 3 p.m. in the afternoon and arrive at 6 p.m. No, we're not dawdling--the highway is being twinned and most of that time is spent avoiding large potholes and stopping at construction sites where the traffic is down to one lane. We arrive home after midnight. Thank-you for your prayers for our safety and for our car not to break down.

We are also training a person here in Natal. Karla is a young lady whose heart is missions. Her greatest desire is to work full-time in the arid, poverty-stricken interior of northern Brasil. She has been diagnosed with a chronic intestinal problem related to job stress. Her doctor was very apologetic when he informed her that she would, in all probability, need to take early retirement due to medical reasons. She called us full of praise. If this occurs she will be able to pursue her desire to do missions and her first full-time supporter will be the government, which will pay her a stipend due to medical disability! Do continue to pray for her as she takes further training in preparation to work full-time as a missionary. She also would appreciate prayer as she seeks an organization to work under.

Every weekend in May and June we scheduled a short course in a different church, usually reaching around 20 people. Our semester is coming to a close and we would appreciate your prayers that all of our regular students would hold their 5-Day Clubs during the month of July and that many children would be reached. We also held a VBS course with 24 people coming from 12 different churches. Pray that those ministries will also reach many boys and girls with the gospel. Pray for Ron as he speaks to many of our former students about them coming back to do Level 2 in August. Thanks.

This July CEF of Brasil is planning on an Instructor Level 2 course to be held in São Paulo July 5-18. I am planning to travel down to São Paulo to help out. And that decision was made before I knew that Kendra had even applied to teach at PACA! During this time I'm hoping to get in some translation work on CEF's Pre-School curriculum with Enedina, another one of our CEF workers. I would appreciate your prayers for safety and the ability to pass on more than just information to the students, but to have real wisdom to know how to help them become Instructors as well. Thanks.

More things to pray about:: One, we need to sell the CEF property here in Natal and wrap things up by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. And two, seek God's direction and will on whether we should accept the position in São Paulo. We have been asked to consider not just teaching at Leadership Institute full time, but to be the administrators of the property, with all that entails. One of the effects of this decision might be to return from April 15<sup>th</sup> until July 15<sup>th</sup> each year for furlough rather than for a full year out of every five due to our teaching responsibilities at the two Institutes being held from January-March and September –October. Thanks for your prayers for wisdom.

Should we accept this new challenge we will need to start a new project to replace our perfectly functional car. Why? Last night on the news we were informed that due to the rain and it being the eve of a holiday, the traffic on the main four lane highways leading out of São Paulo was backed up for a record 292km! That's almost 200 miles of cars! The reporter mentioned that it had taken them 90 minutes to travel 12 km (7 miles) by car! NORMALLY the traffic is only around half that long! So I told Ron I want an automatic instead of a stick shift. It makes for a lot less wear and tear on the shoulders, knees and ankles. Using public transportation would increase our time spent waiting in traffic and getting to our destination by 50%. Need I mention that greater São Paulo has 20 million people? Yes, your prayers are needed for us and for Kendra. Thanks.

Last but not least is our sons. They are back working for the same railroad construction company in Alberta. Please pray for health, strength and safety for them. Also pray for God's guidance for Ethan as he has applied to attend Jackson Hole Bible College in Wyoming this fall. It is a one year Bible college. The subjects are wholly taught in 1-2 week modules. If accepted, we're hoping that will help Ethan as he copes with his dyslexia. Thank-you. The school majors in creation research and only accepts 25 students per year.

Jonathan is still waiting for the surgeon to respond and make a date to repair the cut tendon on his finger. He says the other 3 fingers are healing, but he still can't feel or use his index finger on his right hand. Please pray that the Dr. will get back to him soon, that things will be worked out medically and that he will be able to regain the full use of his fingers. Pray for him as he makes decisions for the fall and winter based on the date of the surgery. Thanks.

With the end of the school year, Canada Day and the Fourth of July coming up, we wish each of you a great time with your family. You only have five more months to come visit us while we live 4km (3 miles) from the nicest beaches in Brasil. Thanks again for your support and prayers, especially during these hard times economically. We pray for you that God will continue to supply all your needs and to enable you to be a blessing to all those you are in contact with daily.

Love,  
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