"I being in the way, the LORD led me..." (Genesis 24:27)

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Dear Faithful Friends,

## The New Beginning

When we arrived in the US a year ago September, our desire was to visit all the churches that have so faithfully supported us during these past 54 years and to give a short review that all the Lord has done because of the faithful prayers and support of God's people. It has been a blessing to see how God's people were encouraged and motivated to continue their part of praying and supporting missions through their church. As we have informed every church, we are closing our direct participation in the ministry in Brazil. During these months, the Lord has proven repeatedly that He is leading us into a new phase of ministry. As we move forward, we will continue to share with you what the Lord is accomplishing. Opportunities to preach are already opening. By the end of the year, we plan to have our new web page set up with devotional meditations and Bible studies available in both Portuguese and English. We will also begin making available material in Portuguese that we have prepared during our ministry in Brazil. We ask you to pray for the Lord's wisdom and means to carry this project forward. GIBM will continue to be our clearing house for those who continue to support our ministry.

## Special Opportunities

While traveling throughout the country, the Lord has shown open doors here in the US. In various locations, I have found Brazilians who are living in the US opening a possibility of ministry to help churches reach these people. The spiritual level of the younger people of the US was evident in a conversation I had on the plane with a young lady who told me that she believed that there is not a God that rules because everyone is his own god. While I visited one of the churches, a Muslim lady who was helping her two Christian daughters look for a church attended the service. After the service, she asked me a question about God which opened the door to show her the difference between the almighty Creator God who loves His creatures and the Islamic God, Allah, who does not desire a relationship with his followers. Seeing these opportunities, we move forward asking the Lord to show us the "NEW" that He has for us to do.

## **Preaching Opportunities**

Since the reporting to the churches is complete, we are available to accept preaching engagements for pulpit supply, for conferences (Bible and missions conferences) and for Bible studies and special meetings. Our contact information is the following: Email - donleaf@gmail.com; Cell Phone - (682) 682 0702; GIBM Agency.

Thank you again for your prayers as we see God is leading, providing and blessing our ministry.

Your servants.

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