

## Do the same things you do in a different way

*By J. Randal Matheny, in São José dos Campos, Brazil*

Two questions for you: Would you like to help the GoSpeak ministry? Would you help this effort by doing the same things you do, just in a different way?

If you answered yes to both questions, you can help the GoSpeak ministry by ordering high-quality items from choice websites at [GoSpeak.org/shop](http://GoSpeak.org/shop).

If you clean your home, if you buy gifts, if you travel, if you read books, if you use email, if you take vitamins and supplements, if you farm, if you use make-up, you can help GoSpeak in a big way.

You can also help by sharing this novel idea with your friends and congregations with which you're associated.



**SUPPORT STATUS.** After replacing lost support some three or four years ago, we still lacked over \$400 monthly. One congregation stopped \$125 support in Oct 2012, another \$512 in Aug 2013. So we are over \$1000 monthly behind our previous level. For more information: [is.gd/renewed](http://is.gd/renewed)

One American couple recently pledged \$100 monthly, as they are able. The Sherman Drive congregation in Denton TX raised their support by \$50 monthly in Sept.; the Eureka IL congregation by \$25 in Oct. So we're still at least \$850 behind the previous level of support.

**TRAVEL OBJECTIVES.** For the past month and a half, Vicki and I have been traveling in the US, with three main [objectives](#): report to supporting churches, replace lost support, and take time for family and rest. We arrived Aug. 14 in the US and will return to Brazil Oct 16.

After visiting with the Madison AL mission committee Aug. 18, we went to Polishing the Pulpit Aug. 23-27 in Sevierville TN. Then September started busy:

- Sept. 6-8: Preacher's Files Lectures at Rogers Springs church in Middleton TN. I spoke on "[You Can Be Sure About the Power of the Gospel](#)."
- Sept. 18: meeting with Somers Avenue elders, North Little Rock AR.
- Sept. 22: Bible lesson and report to the Sherman Drive church, Denton TX; presentation of the work to Marlow OK congregation.
- Sept. 29: reporting and preaching at Eureka IL (sermon: "[How to Get to Jesus](#)"). Visit for area singing at Parkway church in Springfield IL.

**NOTES.** Daughter Leila has a new job with [Embraer](#), the Brazilian airplane manufacturer based in SJCampos. She works at the Nashville maintenance facility as a Human Resources Assistant. • My book *Choose!* has had some [good sales](#) lately. Have you got your copy? • The Brazilian magazine [Edification](#) is back, but still with some challenges to overcome.



**VICKI'S VIEWS.** We have been experiencing many great things the last few weeks. It is great being a grandmother! I have enjoyed so much being able to spend more time with our children and grandchildren. It is neat to see how your children are relating to their children. Those sweet little arms that reach out for you to hold them has a way of melting your heart. Hearing our sons express their concern for the future of their children and expressing their awareness of the responsibility they have has been very rewarding. I have tried to take every advantage to spend time with them, to hold them, and to love them.

Randal and I have had several opportunities to grow spiritually this trip. We attended Polishing the Pulpit for the first time. It was an uplifting and rewarding experience. I was able to participate in many classes that were uplifting and that fed my spirit in a wonderful way. It was great to see friends that we had not seen in about 30 years. We also attended the Preacher's Files Lectureship. We were beautifully received in the home of Mrs. Mary Webster. It was a blessing to be with her.

It is always great to be able to meet new Christians and spend time with them. We received blessings while staying with friends in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Illinois.

We are seeing God open doors for our daughter Leila. She has started a new job that she is really enjoying. She has found an apartment that she will soon be moving to and is beginning the process for starting college. I am thankful that the Lord is giving her direction and am thankful for her faith.

May I also say that I am thankful for my mom and for the support that she has always given to us. The time spent with Randal's parents and family have also been such an encouragement to us.

But it will also be great to get back home and get back to work. It will be good to settle back in and continue to move forward, forward to our heavenly home.



**OLIVER'S TWIST.** *By Barbara Ann Oliver.* I have made it safely home from Costa Rica! This year, once again, I stayed in the neighborhood where most of the church members live. I was close enough to one family to enjoy lots of invites to dinner, which was good for my health as well as good for learning more Spanish.

My work was different from previous years. Since the congregation had a new preacher who didn't live close by, I inherited the job of counselor. My Spanish had improved so that with enough gentle proddings to slow down, I was able not only to understand but also to make myself understood. That made the role of counselor much more productive. Since I lived so close to everyone, my door was always open and I seemed to have a steady stream of people wanting to unburden their hearts.

The church in San Rafael lost the building they were renting and are now meeting in the home of one of the members. While this is a blessing, it has hampered some from attending worship and has made things like having a Vacation Bible School more difficult. But the church is strong, and I know that they will prosper in the Lord regardless of their physical circumstances.

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