

# ADOPT-A-MISSIONARY

Mission Support Team-August 2008

SPANISH NW 3 & 5

## Program Goals:

- *Raise awareness of missions at Pleasant Ridge*
- *Support and encourage missionaries and mission works*
- *Strengthen relationships between Pleasant Ridge members and missionaries*

## BIBLE CLASS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Pray each week for the Pennisi. Check [PleasantRidgeMissions.org](http://PleasantRidgeMissions.org) for updates.
2. Select a liaison from the class to communicate regularly with the missionary and the Mission Support Team.
3. Send cards for birthdays, Christmas, etc.
4. Host missionary in Bible class during visits to Pleasant Ridge.
5. Assist Mission Support Team with hospitality tasks (meals, transportation, lodging, etc.) during visits to Pleasant Ridge.
6. Support and encourage missionaries in other ways as the class is able (such as sending care packages or having special collections for identified needs).

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM THE PENNISI

José Machado was baptized in an evangelistic campaign in Sorocaba in 1973 preached by John Pennisi. In later years other members of the church moved to Sorocaba from São Paulo and met in homes and schools. The church in the nearby city of Itu where Allen Dutton and his family worked gave good support.

The city of Sorocaba has right at 600,000 inhabitants. It is an industrial town near the huge metropolis of São Paulo.

In 1997 John and Catherine Pennisi who had worked in São Paulo from 1961 to 1978 moved to Sorocaba invited by the 20 members at that time. In the last eleven years many members have moved away and fallen away.

Today there are 60 members. The congregation is now constructing its own building with much help from brethren in the USA. We meet in the completed first floor. The structure for three floors is in place.

The church in Sorocaba began the church in the city of Tatuí in February, 2001. This small group about an hour's drive away has about 15 members.

In 2004 Sorocaba helped to begin a new work in Salto de Pirapora, thirty minutes from Sorocaba. It now has about 15 members.

We pray for God's richest blessings on you,

John and Catherine Pennisi

JOHN & CATHERINE PENNISI  
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## Anniversary:

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