

GoSpeak

2010 June 20

Dear Brothers in Christ:

After 25 years, the major supporter and sponsor of the GoSpeak ministry ended its involvement in June, 2010. Their long-term contribution is a motive of thanksgiving to God. Now, however, it's time to move forward.

We are committed to remaining at our post. Perhaps it will be necessary to suspend many ministry efforts in order to support ourselves by tent-making. To avoid such setbacks, we invite you to partner with us in the gospel.

In January, 2010, the Somers Avenue church in North Little Rock, Ark., assumed oversight and nearly doubled its financial commitment. The Eureka, Ill., church also joined in the work in March. But the shortfall still remains.

The GoSpeak ministry has local, national and global impact. For more information, see the enclosed attachment, as well as an online overview and monthly reports at GoSpeak.org.

Our ministry principles include these widely recognized missional approaches:

- Identification with the Brazilian culture through continual adaptation and expert Portuguese language skills;
- Avoidance of foreign funds for national churches and personnel, to prevent dependence on U.S. support;
- Multi-pronged approach through personal relationships and local work, as well as use of mass media, such as print publications and Internet;
- Team concept which permits the optimal use of individual gifts;
- Long-term commitment which avoids the pressure of immediate, visible results, but has the potential to produce "fruit that remains;"
- Emphasis on the ministry of the Word and prayer.

Just over \$2,000 is needed to make up the loss of support.

Would your congregation consider a monthly contribution of \$100, \$200 or \$500 to insure the GoSpeak ministry's continued progress?

Perhaps you can do less. Or more. Please consider this need, within your possibilities.

Join us in reaching the 39 cities in our area that have never heard the gospel of Christ and in inserting the gospel into a world without God, without hope.

Contact us through the information given below. Schedule a time for us to talk further. Please consider this opportunity for fellowship in the gospel.

In the Lord,



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OBJECTIVE

To create new partnerships with churches and individuals and fund the Mathenys' GoSpeak missions ministry with \$2,000.00 monthly beginning January, 2011, to replace lost personal support.

CURRENT MINISTRY

Fluent in Portuguese, adapted to the culture and living in Brazil with his family, Randal is a 25-year missionary, working with two local churches, in leadership training and seminars nationwide and with a global ministry through the Internet in Portuguese and English.

Randal works in evangelism, church planting, counseling, discipleship, music training, public preaching. He works with National Bible School, Mt. of Olives Christian Camp, Christian Corner child care, Lar Cristão Christian Home. He is a writer, editor, publisher and webmaster. He is author of the just-released book, *Choose! 13 Choices to Transform Your Heart and Soul*. He is editing a book about post-modernism's influence in the church.

Randal and Vicki moved to Brazil November, 1984, with a four-family mission team. They began a congregation in Belo Horizonte, the nation's third largest city with 3 million population. In 1995, the Mathenys moved to the city of São José dos Campos, where there was a small beginning. He has helped to establish two more churches in the area and given support to a third.

NEED

The Mathenys lost most of their personal support June, 2010, which had already become inadequate because of the weakening dollar against the Brazilian Real. They seek to make up that loss and, eventually, replace value lost due to the dollar's long decline. Their new sponsor is covering their personal loss through the end of 2010.

These churches support the Mathenys' GoSpeak ministry: Acton, Michie TN; Baker Heights, Abilene TX; Eureka IL; Iuka MS; Lemalsamac, Newbern TN; Mountain Home, Paragould AR; and overseeing church, Somers Avenue, North Little Rock AR.

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WEBSITES

- Missions ministry site, including reports and newsletters: <http://GoSpeak.org>
- English website for SJCampos and area churches: <http://churchofchrist.randal.fastmail.fm>
- BrotherhoodNews.com, Internet news for churches of Christ: <http://brotherhoodnews.com>
- Forthright Magazine, ezine with daily articles on the Bible and faith: <http://forthright.net>

REFERENCES

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