

# Brazil News



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## **Statistics on the Mennonite Migration to Brazil**

Statistics are boring, about as interesting as X-rays. Yet, for those having a special interest in what they represent, they can be fascinating. Thus, we present some statistics on the Mennonite presence in Brazil. If you glance at the title of this little X-ray of the internal development of the Mennonite Colony in Rio Verde, Goiás, and outlying areas, and turn up your nose, no offense will be taken.

Indeed, if it depended on me, there would be no registered statistics. They bore me. But my wife of over half a century, plus an additional half a decade, bless her heart, absolutely loves them. She can have them on her plate for breakfast, dinner and supper (for breakfast, lunch and dinner, for you more sophisticated readers) and gain weight. So what follows is the result of her meticulous dedication to names, numbers and notables in our midst since 1968. If you don't like these "NNNs" don't blame me. On the other hand, if you are enchanted, SHE gets all the credit.

Before we tack our X-ray to the view box, I insert a few non-statistical comments of my own.

Most of us involved in this migration learned to know each other here in Brazil. With a few exceptions, there was instant bonding. After all, to have made this move these newcomers had to share our pioneer spirit and vision of new opportunities for ourselves and future generations.

Honeymoons are a brief interlude between dreams and reality as life adjusts to a new, and hopefully, pleasant routine. That is usually the case in a predictable situation. That was hardly our case over here. Our situation here was anything but predictable. We soon found that we didn't all have the same vision of what we expected of life here in South America. This ended up being quite a rude speed bump in the road, quite disturbing, to put it mildly—and charitably.

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Understand this. Where we settled wasn't at the "end of the road." Where we settled *there was no more road*. We were literally at the end of a disappearing set of tracks in head-high native grass leading to a spot used by an occasional fisherman near the falls on the Monte Alegre River. It was breathtaking to know we were camping in a spot unmarred by human beings. Streams and rivers, lined with majestic palm trees, flowed with clear, potable water. Fauna was abundant, both on land and the banks of waterways. Flocks of brilliant both red and blue macaws, together with hundreds of parrots, would noisily overfly us, not to mention toucans and a host of other winged species. When a pharaonic cloud of little green parakeets zeroed in on a rice field, yields plummeted.

It didn't take all that long to discover that it would take more than the beauty of nature to keep underfoot the less than beautiful quirks of our *human* nature. Seeing the palpabilities of years of hard labor sold to the highest bidder and reduced to numerals on a bank statement was able to shake the foundation of our very being. If there is such a thing as a machine that produces doubts and stress, we found it: *Have we lost our mind?! And not only our mind, but our living as well? Have we just doomed ourselves to a life of indigence? Will we have to be helped back to N America with our tails tucked between our legs?*

Our nerves, our patience, our tolerance for the values and ideas of others, even at times our very own common sense, were all sorely tested. It wasn't that we were suddenly revealing our true character. Not at all. It was simply that being in a strange country with a strange language and strange customs, surrounded by uncertainties, and so far from "home," over-taxed our emotional constitutions.

All the while decisions had to be made, the first being where to set up camp? The tents? And how to cook on an open fire built in a shallow pit or surrounded by large stones? What kind of groceries to buy in what didn't even resemble a back-home grocery store, where everything had an unpronounceable and un-understandable name on it?

There were the major decisions. What kind of a vehicle to buy—extremely expensive and primitive by N American standards? Or would a horse and cart, or bicycles, have to do?

And the really big decision: Where to buy land, and how much? What would this do to our meager cache of greenbacks stashed away in a N American bank vault? Are you getting the picture?

During this initial period while clouds of uncertainty at times cast dark shadows over the movement, four mentalities began to form...

- 1) This is where we are supposed to be and there will be a way.
- 2) This is where we believe we should be; hopefully there be a way
- 3) We believe there is potential here, but will we be able to make it?
- 4) Facts seem to be contradicting what we believed were convictions. Our compass now points north.

I don't think explanations are needed.

Now, as we prepare to celebrate 50 years in Brazil, despite everything, despite especially 3 and 4, we have prospering settlements. We have a nice number of Mennonites living in different towns. We have a solid church. And we have contented people.

So, let's go to the basic statistics.

The number in parenthesis following the names of the immigrants are the respective ages of husband and wife upon arrival.

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Next comes the arrival date and the number of children accompanying the parents. Finally, where needed, there is some additional self-explanatory information.

## LEGEND

MA = Monte Alegre, state of Goiás  
RV = Rio Verde, state of Goiás  
RD = Rio Verdinho, state of Goiás  
BE = Boa Esperança, state of Mato Grosso  
PA = Palmas, state of Tocantins  
AC = Acaraú, state of Ceará  
PT = Patos, state of Paraíba  
CN = Canada

### **Denton & Emma Burns (46 - 46)**

Arrival: 16 nov 68 Children 4  
Denton died 19 Mar 73 – Emma died 10 Jun 13  
D. resp. for organizational and legal affairs of Colony

### **Dick & Frieda Toews (46 - 45)**

Arrival: 16 nov 6 Children 8  
Family returned to US 20 May 71  
First deacon

### **John & Alma Penner (53 - 51)**

Arrival: 29 Jul 69 Children 1  
John died 7 Feb 96– Alma returned US 24 Jul 00  
First minister

### **Charles & Faith Becker (25 - 25)**

Arrival: 10 Aug 69 Children 2  
C. assumed Denton B's bureaucratic activities after his death  
First school teacher – Continue in Brazil

### **Jona & Doris Dyck (52 - 47)**

Arrival: 28 Aug 69 Children 4  
Returned to US 24 Mar 71  
Second minister

### **Harold & Emma Dirks (45 - 42)**

Arrival: 9 Oct 69 Children 6  
Returned to US 15 Apr 88  
H woodsman skills useful for road construction

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## **Enos & Clara Miller**

**(37 - 33)**

Arrival: 6 Nov 1969

Children 7

Enos died 31 Aug 98 – Clara died 27 Jun 96

Second deacon

## **Daniel & Anna Kramer**

**(34 - 32)**

Arrival: 6 Nov 69

Children 6

(Nephews Curtis and Dennis came with them)

Continue living on original place by Monte Alegre falls

D. a mason, helped build first houses and sheds

## **Daniel & Clara Coblentz**

**(31 - 36)**

Arrival: 10 Nov. 69

Children 5

Returned to US

15 Mar 77

D. a mason, helped build first houses and sheds

## **Pete & Edna Loewen**

**(51 - 52)**

Arrival: 15 Oct 70

Children 8

Pete killed in accident 19 Mar 73 – Edna returned to US 30 Jul 02

Family had positive influence on Colony

## **Reno & Marilyn Hibner**

**(48 - 47)**

Arrival 15 Oct 70

Children 4

Reno died 7 Jun 95 – Marilyn died 22 Apr 03

3rd minister – Influential spiritual leader

## **Jacob G & Tina Loewen**

**(78 - 72)**

Arrival 17 Nov 71

Returned to US

1980

Positive influence on proper singing

## **Ura & Rosella Yoder**

**(46 - 41)**

Arrival 4 Dez 71

Children 5

Returned to US

15 Jul 79

## **Bert & Ada Coblentz**

**(40 - 40)**

Arrival 12 Oct 72

Children 9

Returned to US

22 May 91

## **Fannie Kramer**

**(38)**

Arrival 12 Oct 72

Children 4

Returned to US

4 Apr 78

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**Crist & Edna Stoltzfus** (37 - 35)  
 Arrival 12 Oct 72 Children 8  
 Returned to US 4 Oct 78

**Leonard & Moselly Koepf** (49 - 49)  
 Arrival 21 Oct 72 Children 5  
 Returned to US 1992

**Peter & Mary Friesen** (62 - 52)  
 Arrival 15 Nov 72 Children 3  
 Returned to Canada (the dates are correct!) 21 Nov 72

**Jake & Betty Loewen** (40 - 28)  
 Arrival 19 Dez 72 Children 2  
 Continue in Brazil

**Jonas & Frances Schultz** (53 - 56)  
 Arrival 13 Apr 73 Children 5  
 Accompanied by one grandson  
 Jonas died 11 Jun 80 – Frances died 11 Dec 05

**Duane & Frances Holdeman** (41 - 42)  
 Arrival 27 June 73 Children 9  
 Returned to US July 05  
 Ordained to deaconry 6 July 75 MA cong.

**Ike & Rosalie Loewen** (36 - 38)  
 Arrival 01 Dec 73 Children 7  
 Returned to US 25 May 97

**Daniel & Betty Martin** (27 - 28)  
 Arrival 12 Dec 73 Children 2  
 Continue in Brazil

**Virginia Kaminski** (40)  
 Arrival 13 Mar 74 Children 2  
 Returned to US 12 Aug 78

**William & Ann Miller** (42 - 40)  
 Arrival 22 Dec 74 Children 5  
 Returned to US 22 Dec 15

**Richard & Edith Mininger** (39 - 39)  
 Arrival 13 Mar 75 Children 5  
 Returned to US 7 Sep 00  
 4th Minister – Important role in spiritual development of Colony

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**Glenn & Frieda Reimer** (34 - 30)  
Arrival 22 May 75 Children 2  
Returned to Canada 18 Oct 76

**Alvin & Erla Litwiller** (38 - 39)  
Arrival 1 Sep 75 Children 2  
Returned to US 8 Jun 89

**Veril & Ileen Koehn** (33 - 29)  
Arrival 7 Aug 75 Children 4  
Veril died 11 Aug 06 – Ileen continues in Brazil

**Wayne & Evelyn Miller** (40 - 39)  
Arrival 18 Set 75 Children 3  
Returned to US 28 Sep 76

**Daniel & Alma Martin** (63 - 57)  
Arrival 11 Feb 76 Children 2  
Returned to US 9 Mar 92

**Paul & Carol Schultz** (28 - 24)  
Arrival 12 May 76 Children 2  
Returned to US 23 Aug 90

**Clifford & Naomi Warkentin** (41 - 40)  
Arrival 24 Dec 81 Children 8  
Continue in Brazil

**Herman & Carrie Frank** (78 - 77)  
Arrival 15 Jul 76  
Returned to US 9 May 78

**Earl & Johanna Schmidt** (34 - 36)  
Arrival 24 Oct 78 Children 4  
Returned to US 3 Jun 98

**Walter & Alberta Redger** (53 - 51)  
Arrival 24 Oct 79 Children 2  
Returned to US June 94

**John & Joan Unruh** (37 - 39)  
Arrival 28 Aug 80 Children 5  
Ordained deacon 22 Fev 85 Monte Alegre cong  
Continue in Brazil

**Ken & Geraldine Parker** (39 - 36)  
 Arrival 6 Jun 81 Children 3  
 Returned to US 21 Set 86

**Alfred & Rosa Koehn** (65 - 62)  
 Arrival Nov 86  
 Returned to US 08 Jun 89  
 3rd deacon

## **SECOND GENERATION CHILDREN**

### **DENTON & EMMA BURNS**

*Elizabeth* Arrival age 18  
 Married Glenn Hibner 06 Jun 71 Children 5  
 Living Monte Alegre cong  
*First church marriage*

*Mary* Arrival age 16  
 Married Stanley Schultz 29 Set 74 Children 6  
 Living Rio Verdinho cong

*Mim* Arrival age 11  
 Married Leo Dirks 05 Set 76 Children 8  
 Continue in Brazil

*Timothy* Arrival age 7  
 Married Deanna Schultz 05 Jul 81 Children 4  
 Plus 1 adopted  
 Living Palmas cong

### **DICK & FRIEDA TOEWS**

*Irene* Arrival age 17  
 Living US

*Earl* Arrival age 15  
 Living US

*Carl* Arrival age 14  
 Living US

*Lee Roy* Arrival age 13  
 Living US

*Delton* Arrival age 11  
 Living US

*Eugene* Arrival age 8  
 Living US

*Glen* Arrival age 6  
 Living US

*Linda* Arrival age 4  
 Living US

**JOHN & ALMA PENNER**

*Eldon* Arrival age 19  
 Married Bonnie Dirks 26 Set 71 Children 5  
 Living Palmas cong

**CHARLES & FAITH BECKER**

*Denise* Adopted age 8  
 Married Fred Dirks 09 Nov 80 Children 3  
 Living US

*Sandra* Adopted age 12  
 Married 26 Mar 86 Children 2  
 Living in Rio Verde

*Carlos* Arrival age 4  
 Married Nita dos Santos 20 Oct 85 Children 3  
 Living Monte Alegre cong

*Yolanda* Arrival age 15 mo  
 Struck by lightening 7 Feb 78

*Lucas* Adopted at birth  
 Died 20 Aug 15

*Sylvia* Born 20 Jul 76  
 Married Patrick Baize 16 Jun 96 (US) Children 6  
 Living US

*Otávio* Adopted at birth  
 Married Leila Ambrósio 13 Aug 06 Children 2  
 Living Monte Alegre cong

*Janete* Considered a daughter  
 Married Edinei Alves 07 May 95 Children 3  
 Ordained minister 18 Jan 11 at Monte Alegre cong

**JONA & DORIS DYCK**

*Wanetta* Arrival age 16  
 Living US

*Ralph* Arrival age 14  
 Living US

*Olive* Arrival age 13  
 Living US

*Rachel* Arrival age 8  
 Living US

**HAROLD & EMMA DIRKS**

*Leslie* Arrival age 20  
 Returned to US 14 Jun 72

*Bonnie* Arrival age 16  
 Married Eldon Penner 26 Set 71 Children 5



Living Palmas cong  
**Leo** Arrival age 14  
 Married Mim Burns 05 Sep 76 Children 8  
 Living Rio Verde cong  
**Fred** Arrival age 12  
 Married Denise Becker 09 Nov 80 Children 3  
 Living US  
**Greta** Arrival age 8  
 Living US  
**Shirley** Arrival age 6  
 Married Paul Koepf 21 Jun 81 Children 1  
 Living US

## **ENOS & CLARA MILLER**

**Rachel** Arrival age 13  
 Married Paul Yoder 26 Jan 75 Children 5  
 Paul died 27 Aug 16 – Rachel living MA cong  
**Delores** Arrival age 12  
 Married Jesse Loewen 18 Sep 83 Children 4  
 Living US  
**Esther** Arrival age 10  
 Lives US, frequently spends time in Brazil  
**Anna Mae** Arrival age 9  
 Married Clinton Unruh 12 Aug 85 Child 1  
 Died 07 Jan 89  
**Irene** Arrival age 8  
 Married Harold Holdeman 06 Feb 83 Children 6  
 Living Monte Alegre cong  
**Regina** Arrival age 2  
 Returned to US and married Vance Koehn  
 (Later returned briefly to adopt two children)  
**Duane** Arrival age 6 mo  
 Married Luciene Rosa 05 Jan 03 Children 3  
 Ordained deacon 13 Apr 12 at Rio Verdinho cong  
**Dave** Born 10 Aug 72  
 Married Roxy Schultz 07 Sep 97 Children 3  
 Ordained deacon 25 Feb 03 at Rio Verdinho cong  
 Returned to US – Roxy killed in accident

## **DANIEL & ANNA KRAMER**

**Myron** Arrival age 12  
 Married Martha Yoder 22 Feb 81 Children 4  
 Lives on farm, attends church at Rio Verde cong  
**Dan** Arrival age 11



Living US

*William*

Arrival age 7

Moved back to US with folks

Married Miriam Schrock US

Returned for mission term in 94 with their 5 children

Plus one child born in Brazil

*Rebecca*

Arrival age 4

Living US

*Diana*

Adopted at birth

Living in US

*Cristina*

Adopted at birth

Living US

## **PETE & EDNA LOEWEN**

*Charlene*

Arrival age 24

Married João Souto 07 May 78 Children 4

*First American/Brazilian marriage*

Living US

*Carman*

Arrival age 21

Married Celma Furquim 30 Dec 84 Children 5

Living Monte Alegre cong

*Mark*

Arrival age 20

Married Glenda Hibner 19 Jan 85 Children 3

Ordained minister 29 Jul 80 Monte Alegre cong

Living US

*Maxine*

Arrival age 18

Living US

*Veleda*

Arrival age 15

Living US

*Keleda*

Arrival age 15

Living US

*Dennis*

Arrival age 13

Married Vera Penner 10 Jul 88 in CN Children 2

Living US

*Jesse*

Arrival age 7

Married Delores Miller 18 Set 83 Children 4

Ordained deacon 18 Jan 97 at Monte Alegre cong.

Living US

## **RENO & MARILYN HIBNER**

*Glenn*

Arrival age 20

Married Elizabeth Burns 06 Jun 71 Children 5

Plus 1 foster

Living Monte Alegre cong

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**Glenda** Arrival age 15  
Married Mark Loewen 19 Jan 85 Children 3  
Living US

**Arlo** Arrival age 13  
Married Priscilla Holdeman 03 Jun 79 Children 6  
Ordained minister 23 Jan 94 Monte Alegre cong  
Living Monte Alegre cong

**Calvin** Arrival age 12  
Married Donna Warkentin 11 Nov 79 Children 5  
Living Rio Verdinho cong

## **URA & ROSELLA YODER**

**Paul Ray** Arrival age 21  
Married Rachel Miller 26 Jan 75 Children 5  
Paul died 27 Aug 16 – Rachel living Monte Alegre cong

**Erma Jean** Arrival age 20  
Married Sam Coblenz 06 Feb 77 Children 1  
Plus 1 adopted  
Living US

**Dwayne** Arrival age 19  
Died US

**Marlene** Arrival age 17  
Married Dan Kramer Jr. 15 Oct 78 Children 4  
Plus 1 adopted  
Living Boa Esperança cong

**James** Arrival age 15  
Living with Myron & Martha Kramer

**Martha** Arrival age 13  
Married Myron Kramer 22 Feb 81 Children 4

**Lindomar** Adopted at 4 yr  
Living US

## **BERT & ADA COBLENTZ**

**Ben** Arrival age 19  
Married Catherine Stoltzfus 10 Jan 76  
Living US

**Barb** Arrival age 17  
Married Elvis Kramer 5 Sep 76  
Living US

**Verna** Arrival age 16  
Living US (married Dan Stoltzfus)

**Lovina** Arrival age 14  
Living US

**Mary Beth** Arrival age 12



# Brazil 14 News

Married Linda Koehn US 1 child  
Returned to mission in 89 1 child born here  
Living US  
*Mary Esther* Arrival age 9  
Living US  
*Chris Jr* Arrival age 6  
Married Anita Wiggers US  
Returned to BR 22 Apr 93 with 1 child 3 children born in BR  
Living US  
*Merriam* Arrival age 3  
Living US  
*Jeanie* Adopted age 9 yr  
Living US

## **LEONARD & MOSELLY KOEPL**

*Paul* Arrival age 17  
Married Shirley Dirks on 21 Jun 81 Children 1  
Living US  
*Freda* Arrival age 15  
Married Dennis Kramer on 12 Dec 76 Children 6  
*Lee* Arrival age 14  
Living US  
*Gene* Arrival age 12  
Married Mary Beth Coblentz 14 Jun 81 Children 3  
(one died)  
Living US  
*Joan* Arrival age 7  
Living US

## **JAKE & BETTY LOEWEN**

*Karen* Arrival age 6  
Married Errol Redger 08 Jan 85 Children 4  
Ordained deacon 17 Feb 92 Rio Verdinho congregation  
Living US  
*Rayburn* Arrival age 4 months  
Married Dani Carvalho 11 Jun 02  
Living on Colony

## **JONAS & FRANCES SCHULTZ**

*Deanna* Arrival age 23  
Married Timothy Burns 05 Jul 81 Children 4  
Living Palmas cong  
*Darren* Arrival age 4 months

Living US (married Ramona Kaminski)

**Stanley** Arrival age 22  
 Married Mary Burns 29 Sep 74 Children 5  
 Plus 1 adopted  
 Living Rio Verdinho cong

**Lynn** Arrival age 18  
 Married Kathy Schultz 16 Nov 75 Children 4  
 Living US

**Linda** Arrival age 18  
 Married Daniel Holdeman 14 Sep 75 Children 4  
 Living US

**Ruth** Arrival age 17  
 Married Rowland Loewen US  
 Returned to Brazil 31 Jan 83 Children 2  
 Living US

## **DUANE & FRANCES HOLDEMAN**

**Daniel** Arrival age 20  
 Married Linda Schultz 14 Sep 75 Children 4  
 Living US

**John Mark** Arrive age 18  
 Returned to US, married and killed in accident

**Priscilla** Arrival age 17  
 Married Arlo Hibner 03 Jun 79 Children 6  
 Living in Monte Alegre cong

**Caleb** Arrival age 16  
 Married Joanne Warkentin 05 Mar 80 Children 3  
 Living US

**Stanley** Arrival age 15  
 Married Kathy Warkentin 11 Oct 81 Children 3  
 Living US

**Harold** Arrival age 13  
 Married Irene Miller 06 Feb 83 Children 6  
 Ordained deacon on 23 Jan 94 cong. Monte Alegre  
 Living Monte Alegre cong

**Irene** Arrival age 9  
 Married Sid Schmidt 19 Oct 86  
 3 adopted children  
 Living US

**Adeline** Arrival age 7  
 Married Staven Schmidt 06 Nov 88 Children 3  
 (All three children died)  
 Living US

**Lester** Arrival age 6





# Brazil 17 News

*Angela* Born 29 Jan 80  
Married Robert Warkentin 11 Apr 93 Children 5  
Living Rio Verdinho cong

*Yvonne* Born 21 Jan 82  
Married Carlin Wiggers 9 Jan 05  
Moved back to US and returned to mission 17 Jun 15  
(Returned with 3 children; another born here)

## **VIRGINIA KAMINSKI**

*Lois* Arrival age 12  
Returned to BR to teach several terms of school  
Living US

*Ramona* Arrival age 8  
Returned to US and married Darren Schultz

## **WILL & ANN MILLER**

*Linda* Arrival age 20  
Married Stuart Mininger 13 Jan 80 Children 2  
Living US

*Kathy* Arrival age 16  
Married Lynn Schultz 16 Nov 75 Children 4  
Living US

*Esther Lou* Arrival age 15  
Married Dean Mininger 09 Sep 84  
3 adopted children  
Living US

*Bill* Arrival age 12  
Married Gracie Warkentin 03 Sep 84  
3 adopted children  
Living US

*Rita* Arrival age 12  
Married Wayland Loewen 07 Jun 87 Children 3  
Living US

## **RICHARD & EDITH MININGER**

*Colleen* Arrival age 19  
Married Elias Stoltzfus US  
Returned to BR 12 Jan 84 with 1 child  
Children born here 4  
Living US

*Dean* Arrival age 18  
Married Esther Lou Miller 09 Sep 84  
3 adopted children

Ordained minister on 17 Feb 92 cong. Rio Verdinho

Living US

*Stuart* Arrival age 15

Married Linda Mininger 13 Jan 80 Children 2

Living US

*Frank* Arrival age 9

Married Doreen Koehn 15 Aug 93

Returned to marry and Living US

*Aletha* Arrival age 3

Married Wagner Machado 27 Jun 93 Children 2

Living Rio Verdinho cong

**GLENN & FRIEDA REIMER**

*Randall* Arrival age 6

Living in CN

*Melody* Arrival age 5

Living in CN

*Roderick* Born 1 Set 75

Living in CN

**ALVIN & ERLA SCHNEIDER**

*Darvid* Arrival age 11

Living US

*Kenneth* Arrival age 7

Living US

**VERIL & ILEEN KOEHN**

*Anthony* Arrival age 6

Married Wynelle Loewen 20 Sep 92 Children 3

1 child died, adopted 2 children

Living US

*Ben* Arrival age 5

Married Laura Martin 11 Jun 95 Children 5

Living at Palmas cong

*Corinne* Arrival age 4

Living US

*Doreen* Arrival age 2

Married Frank Mininger 15 Aug 93

Living US

*Eugene* Born 18 Oct 76

Married Laurie Hibner 06 Jun 04 Children 4

Living Rio Verdinho cong

*Francine* Born 23 Oct 78

Married Bira Bernardes 15 Aug 99 Children 3

Living Rio Verdinho cong

**WAYNE & EVELYN MILLER**

*Greg* Arrival age 21  
 Living US

*Gary* Arrival age 18  
 Living US

*Gail* Arrival age 15  
 Living US

**DANIEL & ALMA MARTIN**

*Mary Esther* Arrival age 34  
 Living US

*Philip* Arrival age 23  
 Married Alfrieda Penner 17 May 85 Children 2  
 Plus 1 adopted child  
 Living Rio Verdinho cong

**PAUL & CAROL SCHULTZ**

*Paula* Arrival age 4  
 Returned to teach school between 93 and 98  
 Living US

*Keith* Arrival age 3 months  
 Returned to marry Diene Andrade on 14 Dec 97  
 Living US

*Terry* Born 28 Jan 78  
 Living US

*Nancy* Born 22 Oct 79  
 Living US

*Debra* Born 24 Dec 81  
 Living US

**CLIFFORD & NAOMI WARKENTIN**

*Joanne* Arrival age 20  
 Married Caleb Holdeman 09 Mar 80 Children 3  
 Living US

*Donna* Arrival age 19  
 Married Calvin Hibner 11 Nov 79 Children 5  
 Living Rio Verdinho cong.

*Kathy* Arrival age 15  
 Married Stanley Holdeman 11 Oct 81 Children 3  
 Living US

*Gracie* Arrival age 12  
 Married Bill Miller 23 Set 84  
 3 Adopted children  
 Living US

*Lowell* Arrival age 09  
 Married Sharon Schneider 24 Set 89 US Children 4

Plus 1 adopted

Living US

*Norma Jean* Arrival age 7  
 Married Mervin Loewen 13 Jan 91 Children 5  
 Living Rio Verdinho cong

*Kevin* Arrival age 9 months  
 Married Elizabeth Schmidt 11 Jul 99 US Children 05  
 Living Rio Verdinho cong

*Robert* Born 25 Aug 77  
 Married Angela Martin 16 Jul 00 Children 5  
 Living Rio Verdinho cong

**EARL & JOHANNA SCHMIDT**

*Sonya* Arrival age 18  
 Living US

*Sid* Arrival age 17  
 Married Irene Holdeman 19 Oct 86  
 Adopted 3 children  
 Living US

*Staven* Arrival age 13  
 Married Adeline Holdeman 06 Nov 88 Children 3  
 (All three children died)  
 Ordained to ministry 18 Jan 97 Monte Alegre cong  
 Living US

*Stacy* Arrival age 11  
 Married Jeanette Martin 18 Dec 88 Children 3  
 Living US

**WALT & ALBERTA REDGER**

*Errol* Arrival age 23  
 Married Karen Loewen 08 Jan 84 Children 4  
 Ordained to deaconry 17 Feb 92 Rio Verdinho cong  
 Living US

*Craig* Arrival age 16  
 Married to Monica Penner 23 Dec 90  
 Living US

**JOHN & JOAN UNRUH**

*Clinton* Arrive age 15  
 Married Anna Mae Miller 15 Aug 85  
 Died 07 Jan 89 Children 1  
 Married Marie Kramer 03 Jan 90 Children 4  
 Living at Monte Alegre cong

*Sharon* Arrival age 13  
 Married Lester Holdeman 28 Sep 80  
 (Returned for time in mission with 1 adopted BR child)  
 Living US

*Myron* Arrival age 9  
 Married Sheila Loewen 30 Aug 92 Children 3  
 Living Monte Alegre cong

*Nelson* Arrival age 8  
 Married Ruth Kramer 27 May 93 Children 5  
 Ordained minister 06 Feb 05 Monte Alegre cong  
 Now serving in Rio Verde cong

*Marion* Arrival age 1  
 Married Jeff Kramer 21 Nov 99 Children 5  
 Living Monte Alegre cong

## **KEN & GERRY PARKER**

*Craig* Arrival age 17  
 Living US

*Jeff* Arrival age 15  
 Living US

*Jason* Arrival age 10  
 Living US

## **MARRIAGES**

If, when you were a youngster, you enjoyed taking watches apart (back when they were loaded with gears and tiny screws and springs that would all of a sudden jump out and hit you in the face) to see what made them work, you may be interested in this section on marriages. For those of you who read the two previous sections with a clinical eye, and occasionally said, “Huh... Now that’s interesting...” this section may shed a bit of light on your question marks.

## **LEGEND**

xxy = Age at marriage

Nationality

- AM = American
- BR = Brazilian
- CN = Canadian
- EN = English
- MX = Mexican
- HA = Haitian

Congregations & missions

- MA = Monte Alegre (cong)
- RD = Rio Verdinho (cong)
- RV = Rio Verde (cong)
- BE = Boa Esperança (cong)
- PA = Palmas (cong)
- PN = Pirenópolis (cong - no longer exists)
- PT = Patos (mission)

Other

# Brazil News

1gr = 1st generation  
2gr = 2nd generation  
3gr = 3rd generation  
4gr = 4th generation  
‡ = died

**Glenn Hibner** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Reno & Marilyn H  
**Elizabeth Burns** (20y, AM, 2gr MA cong) dau of Denton & Emma B  
Married 6 Jun 71 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live BR

**Eldon Penner** (23y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of John & Alma P  
**Bonnie Dirks** (18y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Harold & Emma D  
Married 26 set 71 MA cong by Min John Penner Live BR

**Stanley Schultz** (25y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Stanley & Mary S  
**Mary Burns** (22y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Denton & Emma B  
Married 29 set 74 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live BR

**Mark Loewen** (24y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Pete & Edna L  
**Glenda Hibner** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Reno & Marilyn H  
Married 19 jan 74 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live US

**Paul Yoder**‡ (25y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Ura & Rosella Y  
**Rachel Miller** (20y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Enos & Clara M  
Married 26 jan 75 MA cong by Min John Penner Lives BR

**Daniel Holdeman** (20y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Duane & Frances H  
**Linda Schultz** (20y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Jonas & Frances S  
Married 14 set 75 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live US

**Lynn Schultz** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Jonas & Frances S  
**Kathy Miller** (18y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Will & Ann M  
Married 16 nov 75 MA cong. by Min Reno Hibner Live US

**Ben Coblentz** (22y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Bert & Ada C  
**Catherine Stoltzfus** (18y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Chris & Edna S  
Married 13 Jun 71 MA cong by Min Richard Mininger Live US

**Leo Dirks** (21y, AM, 2gr MA cong) son of Harold & Emma D  
**Mim Burns** (18y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Denton & Emma B  
Married 5 set 76 MA cong. by Min Reno Hibner Live BR

**Elvis Kramer** (18y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of John & Fannie K  
**Barbara Coblentz** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Bert & Ada C

# Brazil <sup>23</sup> News

Married 5 set 7 MA cong by Min Richard Mininger Live US

**Dennis Kramer**† (19y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of John & Fannie K

**Freda Keopl** (18y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Leonard & Mozelly K

Married 12 dec 76 MA cong. by Min Reno Hibner Lives US

**Sam Coblentz** (18y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Dan & Clara C

**Erma Jean** (26y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Ura & Rosella Y

Married 6 feb 76 MA cong by Min Richard Mininger Live US

**João Souto** (39y, BR, MA cong)

**Charlene Loewen** (28y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau Pete & Edna L

Married 7 May 78 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live US

**Dan Kramer** (20y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Daniel & Anna K

**Marlene Yoder** (23, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Ura & Rosella Y

Married 15 Oct 78 MA cong by Min John Penner Live BR

**Arlo Hibner** (22y, AM, 2 gr, MA cong) son of Reno & Marilyn H

**Priscilla Holdeman** (22y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Duane & Frances H

Married 3 Jun 77 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live BR

**Calvin Hibner** (20y, AM, 2 gr, MA cong) son of Reno & Marilyn H

**Donna Warkentin** (22y, CN, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Clifford & Naomi W

Married 11 Nov 79 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live BR

**Stuart Mininger** (20y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Richard & Edith M

**Linda Miller** (25y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Will & Ann M

Married 13 Jan 80 MA cong by Min Richard Mininger Live US

**Caleb Holdeman** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Duane & Frances H

**Joanne Warkentin** (23y, CN, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Clifford & Naomi W

Married 9 Mar 80 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live US

**Fred Dirks** (23y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Harold & Emma D

**Denise Becker** (18y, BR, 2gr, MA cong) Adopted dau of Charles & Faith B

Married 9 Nov 80 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live US

**Cláudio G da Silva** (22y, BR, MA cong) son of Oélio & Sebastiana S

**Susan Kramer** (20y AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Daniel & Anna K

Married 21 Nov 80 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Myron Kramer** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Daniel & Anna K

**Martha Yoder** (22y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Ura & Rosella Y

# Brazil <sup>24</sup> News

Married 22 Feb 81 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live BR

**Gene Koepl** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Leonard & Moselly K

**Mary Beth Coblentz** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Bert & Ada C

Married 14 Jun 81 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live US

**Paul Koepl** (25y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Leonard & Mozelly K

**Shirley Dirks** (18y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Harold & Emma D

Married 21 Jun 81 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live US

**Tim Burns** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Denton & Emma B

**Deanna Schultz** (31y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Jonas & Frances S

Married 5 Jul 81 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live BR

**Stanley Holdeman** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Duane & Frances H

**Kathy Warkentin** (20y, CN, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Clifford & Naomi W

Married 11 Oct 81 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live US

**Harold Holdeman** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Duane & Frances H

**Irene Miller** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Enos & Clara M

Married 21 Jun 81 MA cong by Min Richard Mininger Live BR

**Jesse Loewen** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Pete & Edna L

**Delores Miller** (25y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Enos & Clara M

Married 18 Set 83 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live US

**Errol Redger** (27y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Walt & Alberta R

**Karen Loewen** (17y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Jake & Betty L

Married 8 Jan 84 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live US

**Rendell Mininger** (26y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Richard & Edith M

**Esther Lou Mininger** (24y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Will & Ann M

Married 9 Set 84 MA cong by Min Richard M Live US

**Bill Miller** (22y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Will & Ann Miller

**Gracie Warkentin** (20y, CN, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Clifford & Naomi W

Married 23 Set 84 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live US

**Carman Loewen** (35y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Pete & Edna L

**Celma F de Melo** (20y, BR, MA cong) dau of João & Vani de Melo

Married 30 Dec 84 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Antônio A de Lima** (37y, BR, MA cong)

**Juanita Loewen** (24y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Ike & Rosalee L

Married 24 Feb 85 MA cong by Min John Penner Live US



# Brazil <sup>25</sup> News

**Philip Martin** (30y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Daniel & Alma M  
**Alfrieda Penner** (35y, CN) dau of Peter & Mary P  
Married 17 May 85 MA cong by Min John Penner Live BR

**Clinton Unruh** (20y, AM, 2gr MA cong) son of John & Joan U  
**Anna Mae Miller**† (25y, AM, 2gr MA cong) dau of Enos & Clara M  
Married 18 Aug 85 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner  
**Marie Kramer** (25y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Daniel & Anna K  
Married 3 Jun 90 MA cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus Live BR

**Carlos Becker** (20y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Charles & Faith B  
**Nita dos Santos** (26y, BR, MA cong) raised by Glenn & Elizabeth H  
Married 20 Oct 85 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live BR

**Jair A da Costa** (25y, BR, MA cong) son of Sebastião & Dalila C  
**Connie Schultz** (17y, BR, MA cong) adopt dau Stanley & Mary S  
Married 20 Jan 86 MA cong by Min Reno Hibner Live BR  
(First BR/BR marriage in the church)

**Stephen Kramer** (23y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Daniel & Anna K  
**Valdete (Dete) Lacerda** (17y, BR, MA cong) Lived with Myron & Martha K  
Married 22 Jun 86 MA cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus Live BR

**Jonathan Coblentz** (24y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Bert & Ada C  
**Leila Fabiana**† (21y, BR, MA cong)  
Married 27 Jul 86 MA cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus  
**Sheila A Rosa** (18y, BR, MA cong) dau Moacir & Sebastiana R  
Married 10 Mar 96 MA cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus Live BR

**Sidney Schmidt** (24y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Earl & Johanna S  
**Irene Holdeman** (22y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Duane & Frances H  
Married 19 Oct 86 MA cong by Min Richard Mininger Live US

**Wayland Loewen** (20y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Ike & Rosalee L  
**Rita Miller** (23y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau Will & Ann Miller  
Married 7 Jun 87 MA cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus Live US

**Leonardo N Ferreira** (28y, BR, MA cong) son of Joaquim & Francisca F  
**Cláudia R Gold** (21y, BR, MA cong) dau of Roberto & Roque G  
Married 30 Aug 86 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Dennis Loewen** (31y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son Pete & Edna L  
**Vera Penner** (24y, CN, CN cong) dau of Albert & Mary P  
Married 10 Jul 88 CN cong by Min Melvin Penner Live US

# Brazil<sup>26</sup> News

**Staven Schmidt** (22y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Earl & Johanna S  
**Adeline Holdeman** (22y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau of Duane & Frances H  
Married 6 Nov 88 MA cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus Live US

**Stacy Schmidt** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son of Earl & Johanna S  
**Jeanette Martin** (19y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau Daniel & Betty M  
Married 18 Dec 88 RD cong by Min John Penner Live US

**Lowell Warkentin** (22y, CN, 2gr, MA cong) son Clifford & Naomi W  
**Sharon Schneider** (26y, AM, US cong) dau Verle & Ruby S  
Married 24 Set 89 US cong by min Danver Nichols Live US

**Lester Holdeman** (22y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son Duane & Frances H  
**Sharon Unruh** (23y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau John & Joan U  
Married 9 Set 90 MA cong by min Elias Stoltzfus Live US

**Craig Redger** (26y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son Walt & Alberta R  
**Monica Penner** (18y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Eldon & Bonnie P  
Married 23 Dec 90 MA cong by min John Penner Live US

**Mervin Loewen** (20y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son Ike & Rosalee L  
**Norma Jean Warkentin** (21y, CN, 2gr, MA cong) dau Clifford & Naomi W  
Married 13 Jan 91 RD cong by Min Richard Minerger Live BR

**Jorge J da Silva** (33y, BR, RV cong) son Antônia S  
**Dalva P Maia** (26y, BR, RV cong) dau José Filipe M  
Married 28 Jul 91 RV cong by Min Cláudio Silva Live BR

**Pedro P Maia** (29y, BR, RV cong) son of José Filipe M  
**Wanderlúcia B Sampaio** (21y, BR, Acaraú mission)  
Married 24 Nov 91 RV cong by Min Cláudio Silva Live BR

**Ely Bessa** (39y BR, MA cong)  
**Vânia Soares Diniz** (29, BR, RV cong) dau Manoel & Francisca S  
Married 5 Apr 92 RV cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**John Kramer** (21y, BR, 2gr, MA cong) son Daniel & Anna K  
**Sheila Hibner** (19y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Glenn & Elizabeth H  
Married 19 Jul 92 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Myron Unruh** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son John & Joan U  
**Sheila Loewen** (18y, BR, MA cong) adopted dau Edna Loewen  
Married 30 Aug 92 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

# Brazil <sup>27</sup> News

**Anthony Koehn** (22y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son Veril & Ileen K  
**Wynelle Loewen** (24y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau Ike & Rosalee L  
Married 20 Set 92 RD cong by Min Richard Mininger Live US

**Milton Loewen** (21y, BR, MA cong) adopted son Edna L  
**Lucinda Martin** (19, AM, 2gr RD cong) dau Daniel & Betty M  
Married 27 Set 92 RD cong by Min John Penner Live BR

**Nelson Unruh** (21y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son John & Joan U  
**Ruth Kramer** (24y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) dau Daniel & Anna K  
Married 27 May 93 MA cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus Live BR

**Robson Gold** (21y, BR, MA cong) son Roberto & Roque G  
**Glauciene Rosa** (19y, BR, MA cong) dau Moacir & Sebastiana R  
Married 6 Jun 93 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Wagner Machado** (22y, BR, RD cong) son João & Anália M  
**Aletha Mininger** (22y, AM, 2gr, RD cong) dau Richard & Edith M  
Married 27 Jun 93 RD cong by Min Richard Mininger Live BR

**Frank Mininger** (28y, AM, 2gr, US cong) son Richard & Edith M  
**Doreen Koehn** (20y, AM, 2gr, RD cong) dau Veril & Ileen K  
Married 15 Aug 93 RD cong by Min Richard Mininger Live US

**David Kramer** (20y, BR, 2gr, MA cong) son Daniel & Enna K  
**Marta A Silva** (20y, BR MA cong) dau Augusto Rosa  
Married 26 Set 92 MA cong by Min Cláudio Silva Live BR

**Edinei Alves** (21y, BR, MA cong) Son Augusto R  
**Janete da Silva** (20y, BR, MA cong) Lived with Charles & Faith B  
Married 7 May 95 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Roger Hibner** (21y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Glenn & Elizabeth H  
**Sherilyn Yoder** (19y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Paul & Rachel Y  
Married 28 May 95 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Sérgio Alves** (24y, BR, RD cong) son Augusto R  
**Katrina Schultz** (18y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) dau Stanley & Mary S  
Married 4 Jun 95 RD cong by Min Dean Mininger Live BR

**Sebastião M de Sá** (30y, BR, PN cong)  
**Maria José Godinho** (21y, BR, PN cong)  
Married 10 Jun 95 PN mission by Min Mark Loewen Live BR  
Ordained deacon 09 Jul 99, PN cong

# Brazil <sup>28</sup> News

**Ben Koehn** (25y, AM, 2gr RD cong) son Veril & Ileen K  
**Laura Martin** (19y, BR, 2gr RD cong) dau Daniel & Betty M  
Married 11 Jun 95 RD cong by Min Richard Mininger Live US

**Paulo Rufino** (25y, BR, PT mission)  
**Valéria Gold** (31y, BR, MA cong) dau Roberto & Roque G  
Married 2 Jun 96 MA cong by min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Milfred Loewen** (21y, BR, 3gr MA cong) son Mark & Glenda L  
**Sandra Zimmerman** (23y, AM, US cong) dau Norman & Alta Z  
Married 6 Jul 97 US cong by min Mark Loewen Live US

**David Miller** (25y, BR, 2gr, RD cong) son Enos & Clara M  
**Roxanne Schultz** (18y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) dau Lynn & Kathy S  
Married 7 Set 97 RD cong by Min Dean Mininger Live US

**Keith Schultz** (21y, AM, 2gr, US cong) son Paul & Carol S  
**Diene Santos** (19 BR, RD cong) dau Benedito & Júlia A  
(Lived with Jair & Connie Costa while going to school)  
Married 14 Set 97 RD cong by Min Richard Mininger Live US

**Kent Holdeman** (21y, AM, US cong) son Robert & Barbara H  
**Karla Holdeman** (21y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Daniel & Linda H  
Married 15 Feb 98 MA cong by Min Staven Schmidt Live US

**João Batista L da Silva** (26y, BR, RV cong)  
**Adalgisa F Ambrósio** (20y, BR, RV cong) dau Carlos & Silvani A  
Married 19 Apr 98 RV cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Marcelo H Rodrigues** (22y, BR, MA cong) son Sebastião & Aparecida P  
**Juliana V G de Araújo** (18y, BR, RV cong) dau Altitude G de A  
Married 9 Mai 99 RV cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus Live BR

**Kevin Warkentin** (23y, CN, 2gr, RD cong) son Clifford & Naomi W  
**Elizabeth Schmidt** (21y, AM, US cong) dau Ray & Gwendene S  
Married 11 Jul 99 US By Min Orië Koehn Live BR

**Hallis B Silva** (21y, BR, MA cong) son Aparecida B  
**Marcia Loewen** (20y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Mark & Glenda L  
Married 25 Jul 99 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR  
**Ubiratan Bernardes** (21y BR, MA cong) son João & Biluca B  
**Francine Koehn** (20y, BR, 2gr, RD cong) dau Veril & Ileen K  
Married 15 Aug 99 RD cong by Min Richard Mininger Live BR

# Brazil<sup>29</sup> News

**Jefferson Kramer** (25y, AM, 2gr, MA cong) son Daniel & Anna K  
**Marion Unruh** (20y, AM, 2gr MA cong) dau John & Joan U  
Married 21 Nov 99 MA cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus Live BR

**Delton Holdeman** (22y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Daniel & Linda H  
**Amy Stoltzfus** (18y, AM, 3gr, MA cong) dau Elias & Colleen S  
Married 7 May 00 MA cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus Live US

**Robert Warkentin** (22y, CN, 2gr, RD cong) son Clifford & Naomi W  
**Angela Martin** (20y, BR, 2gr, RD cong) dau Daniel & Betty M  
Married 16 Jul 00 RD cong by Min Dean Mininger Live BR

**Frank Coblentz** (22y, AM, 3gr, US cong) Son Sam & Erma C  
**Brenda Hibner** (22, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Glenn & Elizabeth H  
Returned to marry on 01 Oct 00 BE cong by Min Arlo Hibner

**Flávio Oliveira** (24y, BR, PT mission)  
**Flávia M R dos Passos** (22y, BR, MA cong) dau Sebastião & Aparecida P  
Married 7 Oct 00 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Fernando S Rodrigues** (20y, BR, MA cong) son Antônio & Maria S  
**Keila Souto** (19y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau João & Charlene S  
Married 25 Feb 01 MA cong by Min Elias Stoltzfus Live US

**Harley Penner** (23y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Eldon & Bonnie P  
**Adriana Rodrigues** (19y, BR, MA cong) dau Antônio & Maria R  
Married 27 May 01 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Marcos Duarte** (20y, BR, RD cong) son Luiz & Maria D  
**Wanda Schultz** (22y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) dau Stanley & Mary S  
Married 15 Jul 01 RD cong by Min Dean Mininger Live BR

**Darryl Goossen** (20, CN cong) son Charles & Donalda G  
**Lucélia Duarte** (23, BR, RD cong) dau Luiz & Maria D  
Married 05 Aug 01 RD cong by Min Dean Mininger Live in CN

**Jonas Marques** (26y, BR, BE cong) son Manoel & Antônia M  
**Grace Kramer** (19y, BR, 3gr BE cong) dau Dennis & Freda K  
Married 12 Aug 01 BE cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Vilmar Bastos** (28, BR, MA cong)  
**Roseni Silva** (33, BR RV cong)  
Married 21 Apr 02 RV cong by Min Dean Mininger Live BR

# Brazil <sup>30</sup> News

**Eudes Reinor** (29y, BR, BE cong) son Edna Lopes

**Julie Hibner** (20y, BR, 3gr, BE cong) dau Glenn & Elizabeth H

Married 2 Jun 02 BE cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Kevin Hibner** (22y, CN, 3gr, MA cong) son Glenn & Elizabeth H

**Gisele L Sperb** (21y, BR, MA cong) dau Bruno & Zelinda S

Married 9 Jun 02 MA cong By Min Arlo Hibner live US

**Eduardo Vieira** (26y, BR, MA cong) son Emitério & Maria S

**Susan Koehn** (25y, CN cong) dau Robert & Violet K

Married 18 Aug 02 CN cong by Min Ray Nikkel live CN

**André Passos** (21y, BR, MA cong) son Sebastião & Aparecida P

**Adrienne Hibner** (19y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Arlo & Priscella H

Married 15 Set 02 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner live BR

**Márcio Ambrósio** (25y, BR, MA cong) son Carlos & Silvani A

**Wendy Penner** (25y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Eldon & Bonnie P

Married 29 Sep 02 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Fernando Barros** (24y, BR, RV cong) son Jerônimo & Maria B

**Teresa Hibner** (22y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Arlo & Priscilla H

Married 27 Oct 02 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Duane Miller** (33y, AM, 2gr, RD cong) son Enos & Clara M

**Luciene Rosa** (25y, BR, RD cong) dau Moacir & Sebastiana R

Married 5 Jan 03 RD cong by Min Dean Mininger Live BR

**Joedson P de Bessa** (31y, BR, MA cong) son José & Odércia B

**Rosa Dirks** (23y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Leo & Mim Dirks

Married 2 Feb 03 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Jason Holdeman** (23y, AM, US cong) son Dale & Twila H

**Sara R dos Passos** (20y, BR, MA cong) dau Sebastião & Aparecida P

Married 25 May 03 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live US

**Robert Kramer** (23y, BR, 3gr, BE cong) son Dan & Marlene K

**Élia R da Silva** (19y, BR, RD cong) dau Moacir & Sebastiana A

Married 7 Sep 03 RD cong by min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Chester Hibner** (21y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Arlo & Priscilla H

**Elsie J da Silva** (21y, BR, RV cong) dau Cláudio & Susan S

Married 2 May 04 RV cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

# Brazil <sup>31</sup> News

**Eugene Koehn** (27y, BR, 2gr, RD cong) son Veril & Ileen K  
**Laurie Hibner** (22y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) dau Calvin & Donna H  
Married 6 Jun 04 RD cong by Min Richard Mininger Live BR

**Lawrence Kramer** (23y, BR, 3gr, BE cong) son Dennis & Freda K  
**Patrícia Miranda** (23y, BR, MA cong) dau Nilton & Selionir M  
Married 4 Jul 04 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Carlin Wiggers** (23y, AM, US cong) son Maynard & Juanita W  
**Yvonne Martin** (22y, BR, 2gr, RD cong) dau Daniel & Betty M  
Married 9 Jan 05 RD cong by Min Verle Johnson Live US

**Isaac Penner** (21y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Eldon & Bonnie P  
**Kimberly Burns** (19y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Tim & Deanna B  
Married 20 Mar 05 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Daniel P de Araújo** (27y, BR, RV cong) son Izael & Anna A  
**Roseane Kramer** (19y, BR, 3gr BE cong) Adopt dau Stephen & Dete K  
Married 5 Jun 05 MA cong by Min Dean Mininger Live BR

**Richard Ferrell** (20y, BR, RD cong) son Douglas & Lindalva F  
**Starla Holdeman** (20 BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Harold & Irene H  
Married 17 Jul 05 MA cong by Min Mervin Loewen Live BR

**Sergei Schultz** (20y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) son Stanley & Mary S  
**Cheyenne Loewen** (19y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Carmen & Celma L  
Married 24 Jul 05 MA cong by Min Mervin Loewen Live BR

**Arthur Martin** (28y, BR, 2gr RD cong) son Daniel & Betty M  
**Phyllis Hibner** (18y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) dau Calvin & Donna H  
Married 18 Set 05 RD cong by Min Dean Mininger Live BR

**Lincoln Koehn** ( AM, US cong) son Donovan & Twila K  
**Rosanne Yoder** (20y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Paul & Rachel Y  
Married 2 Oct 05 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live US

**Frank Burns** (57y, AM, US cong) son o Denton & Emma B  
**Zelinda Lacerda** (48y, BR, RV cong) dau of Valdolveu & Divina L  
Married 12 Mar 06 RV cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Elfrain S Dias** (28y, BR, MA cong) son Orlinda S  
**Rebecca Kramer** (24y, BR, 3gr, BE cong) dau Dan & Marlene K  
Married 18 Jun 06 BE cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

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**Robert Holdeman** (30y, AM, US cong) son Daniel & xxxxxx H  
**Jessica Dirks** (29y, BR, RV cong) dau Leo & Mim D  
Married 9 Jul 06 PA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live US

**Otávio Becker** (23y, BR, 2gr, MA cong) son Charles & Faith B  
**Leila Ambrósio** (26y, BR, MA cong) dau Carlos & Silvani A  
Married 13 Aug 06 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Richard Kramer** (28y, BR, 3gr, BE cong) son Dennis & Freda K  
**Silvana R da Silva** (25y, BR, RD cong) dau Moacir & Sebastiana R  
Married 24 Jun 07 RD cong by min Dean Mininger Live BR

**James Jeffery** (24y, EN, MA cong) son Paul & Rose J  
**Cláudia Silva** (25y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Cláudio & Susan S  
Married 1 Apr 07 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Steve Holdeman** (22y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Harold & Irene H  
**Lanae Koehn** (21y, AM, US cong) dau Royce & xxxxxxx K  
Married 24 Jun 07 US cong by Min Roland Koehn Live in BR

**André L R. Martins** (21y, BR, MA cong) son Antônio & Roselei M  
**Jakeline V Cardoso** (20y, BR, RD cong) dau José & Lucimar C  
Married 29 Jul 07 RD cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Dustin Schultz** (23y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) son Lynn & Kathy S  
**Michelle Ismael** (28y, BR, MA cong) dau Divino & Corina I  
Married 16 Set 07 Ma cong by Min Mervin Loewen Live BR

**Bradley Kramer** (25y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Myron & Martha K  
**Dáfanne Lacerda** (24y, BR, RD cong) dau Jarbas & Alice L  
Married 27 Set 08 RD cong by Min Mervin Loewen Live in Br

**Austin Jantz** (23y, AM, US cong) son John & Loretta J  
**Janice Holdeman** (21y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Harold & Irene H  
Married 18 Jan 09 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Wendel Hibner** (21y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Arlo & Priscilla H  
**Stephanie Silva** (19y, BR, 3gr Ma cong) dau Cláudio & Susan S  
Married 15 Mar 09 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live in BR

**Valdeci Oliveira** (34y, BR, AC mission)  
**Eliamar Silva** (32y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) adopt. dau Cláudio & Susan K  
Married 19 Jul 09 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR



# Brazil <sup>33</sup> News

**Matthew Giesel** (20y, AM, US cong) son Shawn & Jane G  
**Cintia L Sperb** (24y, BR, RD cong) dau Bruno & Zelinda S  
Married 18 Oct 09 RD cong by Min Shawn Giesel Live US

**Ivan Kramer** (26y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Myron & Martha K  
**Patrícia de Paula** (21y, BR, RD cong) dau Luiz & Maria P  
Married 10 Jan 10 RD cong by Min Mervin Loewen Live BR

**Gilberto Martins** (20y, BR, MA cong) son Antônio & Roselei  
**Lorinda Burns** (23y, BR, 3gr MA cong) dau Tim & Deanna B  
Married 24 Jan 10 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Marco Silva** (24y, BR, 3gr, RV cong) Son Cláudio & Susan S  
**Jakelline Lima** (24y, BR, RD cong) dau Adejenes & Aparecida L  
Married 26 Jun 10 RD cong by Min Mervin Loewen Live BR

**Lyndale Martin** (23y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) son Phillip & Alfrieda M  
**Adriele Alves** (19y, BR, RD cong) dau Antônio C & Mercês A  
Married 8 Aug 10 RD cong by Min Mervin Loewen Live BR

**Lucas F de Araújo** (20y, BR, RD cong) son Luís & Aparecida F  
**Patricia Hibner** (22y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) dau Calvin & Donna H  
Married 23 Jan 11 RD cong by min Mervin Loewen Live BR

**Silvano Silva** (23y, BR 3gr, MA cong) son Cláudio & Susan S  
**Cynthia Yoder** (22y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Paul & Rachel Y  
Married 22 Feb 11 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Rylan Jantz** (AM, US cong) son Linwood & Roberta J  
**Luanne Loewen** (19y, BR, 3gr RD cong) Mervin & Norma Jean L  
Married 6 Mar 11 RD cong by Min Mervin Loewen Live US

**Patrick Thiessan** (25y, CN cong) son Walter & Lois T  
**Marsha Burns** (20y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) adopt. dau Tim & Deanna B  
Married 20 Nov 11 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live in CN

**Verlyn Martin** (25y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) son (Phil & Alfrieda M  
**Ariele Alves** (18y, BR, RD cong) dau Antônio C & Mercês A  
Married 27 Nov 11 RD cong by Min Edinei Alves Live BR

**Mahlon Nightingale** (AM, US cong) son David & Judy N  
**Julia Kramer** (25y, BR, MA 3gr, MA cong) dau Myron & Martha K  
Married 29 Jan 12 MA cong by Min David Nightingale Live US

# Brazil <sup>34</sup> News

**Rogério de Maria** (27, BR, BE cong) son Manoel & Antônia M  
**Elizabeth Kramer** (28y, BR, 3gr, BE cong) dau Dan & Marlene K  
Married 16 Dec 12 BE cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Patrick Holdeman** (33y, AM, US cong) son Dale & Twila H  
**Fabiana Passos** (24y BR, MA cong) dau Sebastião e Aparecida P  
Married 13 Jan 13 MA cong by Min Mervin Loewen Live US

**Lane Dirks** (AM, US cong) son Ralph & Virginia D  
**Jennifer Loewen** (25y, BR, 3gr MA cong) dau Carmen & Celma L  
Married 6 Oct 13 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live US

**Justin Schmidt** (AM, US cong) son Bryon & Sherri S  
**Jolene Loewen** (20y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) dau Mervin & Norma Jean L  
Married 27 Oct 13 RD cong by Min Mervin Loewen Live US

**Donovan Hibner** (23y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Arlo & Priscilla H  
**Arlene Kramer** (21y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Stephen & Dete K  
Married 15 Dec 13 MA cong by Min Mark Loewen Live BR

**Leroy Friesen** (CN cong) son Denton & Diana F  
**Denise Santos** (29y, BR, RV cong) dau Ivo & Valdiva S  
Married 5 Jan 14 RV cong by Min José Luís Carvalho Live in CN

**Wellington Pereira** (23y, BR, RV cong) son Celma P  
**Beverly Unruh** (26y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Clinton & Marie U  
Married 19 Jan 14 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Josh Miller** (AM, US cong) son Albert & Sharon M  
**Lavonne Hibner** (21y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) dau Calvin & Donna H  
Married 27 Jul 14 RD cong by Min Arlo Hibner Living US

**Fabício Silva** (22y, BR, MA cong) son Joel & Ruth S  
**Karoline Maia** (18y, BR, MA cong) dau Pedro & Wanderlúcia M  
Married 2 Sep 14 MA cong by Min Edinei Alves Live BR

**Daniel Dwight Kramer** (31y, BR, 3gr, BE cong) son Dan & Marlene K  
**Cláudia V Duarte** (35y BR, BE cong) dau Luiz & Maria D  
Married 28 Sep 14 BE cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Robson Miranda** (29y, BR, MA cong) son Nilton & Selionir M  
**Edilaine S Rodrigues** (19y, BR MA cong) dau Antônio & Maria R  
Married 5 Out 14 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Jason Isaac** (35y, CN cong) son Edgar & Wendy I  
**Luana Ferreira** (28 BR, MA cong) dau Carlos & Maria F  
Married 22 Nov 14 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live in CN

**Mateus F de Araújo** (22y, BR, RD cong) son Luiz & Aparecida F  
**Sharla Hibner** (19y, BR, 3gr, RD cong) dau Calvin & Donna H  
Married 7 Dec 14 RD cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Carlos H Arantes** (25y, BR, RV cong) son Geraldo & Marilene A  
**Lydia Kramer** (23y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Stephen & Dete K  
Married 14 Dec 14 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Duane Unruh** (22y, AM, MA cong) son Norman & Marilyn U  
**Sara Maia** (20y, BR, MA cong) dau Pedro & Wanderlúcia M  
Married 11 Jan 15 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Luan Santana** (23y, BR, RV cong) son Sinair & Jussara S  
**Leanna Dirks** (29y, BR, 3gr, RV cong) dau Leo & Mim D  
Married 18 Jan 15 RV cong by Min José Luís Carvalho Live BR

**Célio Jorge** (43y, BR, PA cong) son Maria Moreira  
**Carolyn Dirks** (33y, BR, 3gr, RV cong) dau Leo & Mim D  
Married 1 Mar 15 RV cong by Min José Luís Carvalho Live BR

**Wallace Loewen** (23y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Carmen & Celma L  
**Annalee Haynes** (23y, AM,US cong) dau Frank & Sharon H  
Married 22 Nov 15 US cong by Min Jerry Haynes Live US

**Kenyon Kramer** (32y, BR, 3gr, US cong) son Dennis & Freda K  
**Nayara Albuquerque** (20y, BR, PT cong) dau Côca Oliveira  
Married 13 Dec 15 Pt mission by Min Arlo Hibner Live US

**Lincon Becker** (26y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Carlos & Nita B  
**Yolanda Unruh** (19y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Nelson & Ruth U  
Married 22 May 16 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live BR

**Clark Holdeman** (23y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Harold & Irene H  
**Vanessa G Rufino** (18y BR, MA cong) dau Paulo & Valéria R  
Married 26 Jun 16 MA cong by Min Arlo Hibner Live BR

**Clayton Becker** (29y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Carlos & Nita B  
**Alecia Unruh** (22y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Clinton & Marie U  
Married 20 Nov 16 MA cong by Min Nelson Unruh Live US

**Rylan Holdeman** (22y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) son Harold & Irene H  
**Patrícia Arantes L** (22y, BR, MA cong) granddau Graciano & Maria A  
Married 14 May 17 MA cong by Min Edinei Alves Live BR

**Thalles Silva** (21y, BR, PA cong) son Hallis & Marcia S  
**Deborah Kramer** (21, BR, 3gr, BE cong) dau Stephen & Dete K  
Married 25 Set 17 BE cong by Min David Kramer Live BR

**Isaac Ismael** (35y, BR, RD cong) son Divino & Corina I  
**Sylvia Stoltzfus** (28y, BR, 3gr, US cong) dau John & Linda S  
Married 21 Jan 18 in US by Min Joe Unruh Live BR

**Jeffery Isaac** (26y, AM, US cong) son Lee & Linda  
**Elnora Kramer** (24y, BR, 4gr, BE cong) dau John & Sheila K  
Married 28 Jan 18 BE cong by Min David Kramer Live US

**Joey Koehn** (27y, AM, US cong) son Ron & Angela K  
**Patrícia Rufino** (21y, BR, MA cong) dau Paulo & Valéria R  
Married 11 Mar 18 MA cong by Min Chester Hibner Live BR

**Miro Machado** (23y, BR, RD cong) son Wagner & Aletha M  
**Joylene Becker** (19y, BR, 3gr, MA cong) dau Carlos & Nita B  
Married 6 May 18 MA cong by Richard Mininger Live BR

**Jeremy Wiggers** (21y, AM, US cong) son Arlen & Christina W  
**Traci Hibner** (21u. BR. 4gr. MA cong) dau Roger & Sherilyn H  
Married 4 Nov 18 MA cong Min Arlen Wiggers Live US

**Saquimy Chery** (29y, HA cong)  
**Brenda Martin** (26y, BR, 3gr, (RD cong) adopt dau Phil & Alfrida M  
Married 23 Nov 18 RD cong by Min Sérgio Alves Live HA

**Nathan Kramer** (22y, BR, 4gr, BE cong) son John & Sheila K  
**Amanda Freitas** (22y, BR, BE cong) dau Dwight & Cláudia K  
Married 17 Mar 19 BE cong by Min David Kramer Live BR

## TYING UP A FEW LOOSE ENDS

AVERAGE AGE OF MEN WHO MOVED TO BRAZIL

**43**

AVERAGE AGE OF WOMEN WHO MOVED TO BRAZIL

**40**

AVERAGE AGE OF CHILDREN WHO MOVED TO BRAZIL WITH PARENTS  
**11.8**

AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO MOVED TO BRAZIL WITH PARENTS  
**4.6**

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO MOVED TO BRAZIL  
**39**

NUMBER OF FIRST GENERATION FAMILIES WHO MOVED BACK TO NORTH AMERICA  
**25**

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO MOVED TO BRAZIL, PLUS MIGRANTS ORDAINED HERE (includes children who moved with parents).  
**11**

Ministers who died here  
**2**

Ministers who moved back to US  
**6**

ORDAINED DEACONS WHO MOVED TO BRAZIL, PLUS MIGRANTS ORDAINED HERE (includes children who moved with parents).  
**9**

Deacons who died here  
**1**

Deacons who moved back to US  
**4**

**TOTAL** NUMBER OF MINISTERS WHO MOVED TO BRAZIL OR WERE ORDAINED HERE, INCLUDES BRAZILIANS.  
**18**

**TOTAL** NUMBER OF DEACONS WHO MOVED TO BRAZIL OR WERE ORDAINED HERE, INCLUDES BRAZILIANS.  
**14**

NUMBER OF ACTIVE MINISTERS IN BRAZIL TODAY

**8**

NUMBER OF ACTIVE DEACONS IN BRAZIL TODAY

**6**

Thinking Out Loud

## **On the Red Sea and Russia**

When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land, once the far bank was reached, the Hand that stayed the waters was lifted and the fluvial barrier rushed back into place, cutting off all communication with their birth country.

We know that there was much murmuring and a clamor to return to the land of plenty. I am not aware that an attempt was actually made by some to recross the Sea and return to Egypt.

The exodus from Russia and migration to North America took place more than a century ago. I learned to know a few of these Russian immigrants, including Min. John Becker (no relative of mine) from the Lone Tree Congregation, and listened to his preaching in very broken English.

Interestingly, on a broader scale, I never heard that any of these immigrants ever returned to Russia, or even expressed a desire to do so. When the waters of the Russian Red Sea clashed back together, it was with finality and no backward looks.

The move to Brazil was different. There was no Red Sea, no Russia. To return “home” was but an airline ticket away. One can’t help but wonder what the church in Brazil would look like today if PanAm and Varig hadn’t existed.

## **Disclaimer**

We are perfectly aware that mistakes and omission will be found in the statistics on the migration to Brazil. Faith and I have checked and rechecked, but to err is human, and for readers to catch mistakes is very human—and most satisfying.

We welcome observations that may help us create as accurate a record as possible.

## **This & That**

**Daylight saving time** has been abolished for one year by our new president. I believe that everyone believes it will become a permanent thing, as it is detested by about everyone.

**An extra month of rainy season.** We don’t expect a lot of rains during the month of April, and it appeared that our weather pattern would hold this year. Then it began raining and

we had 172.6 mm (6.8 inches) during the month. Since there were thousands and thousands of acres of crops needing rain, it would be interesting how much each millimeter, or inch, of rain, contributed to additional money in bank accounts. These second crops are really beautiful.

**Tecnoshow Comigo.** The 18th annual farm show in Rio Verde was held from the 8th to 12th of April this year. There were 118 thousand visitors and sales of 3.4 billion reals (850 million US dollars). Foreign visitors soon see that Brazilian agriculture makes a lot of dust, but doesn't eat dust from the most advanced nations. Hotels are booked up months in advance. The showgrounds are a veritable work of art, absolutely immaculate, with flower-lined pedestrian streets. Not only is machinery on display, but cattle, horses and sheep as well. Since agriculture accounts for 23.5 percent of Brazil's gross national product, and now ranks third in worldwide exports, farm shows are important national events.

## Words of Wisdom

*From Collin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during George Bush administration, we quote:*

*There are no secrets to success.  
It is the result of preparation,  
hard work, and learning from failure.*

A Story

## A Parable on Tobacco

*(On page 4 you will read)*

**Herman & Carrie Frank**

**(78 - 77)**

Arrival 15 Jul 76

Returned to US

9 May 78

Recently grandson Dean Mininger was going through Grandpa Frank's belongings and in his old Bible found a tract. We believe you will enjoy it.

The following two pages show copies of the tract A PARABLE ON TOBACCO.

A PARABLE ON TOBACCO.

Tract No. 39.

Seeing that men who professed to be servants of the Most High had corrupted themselves and become filthy and abominable, a great and wise prophet stood up and did prophesy these words of truth and soberness: "Then shall the kingdom of Satan be likened unto a grain of tobacco seed, which, though exceeding small, being cast into the earth grew exceedingly and became a great plant and spread forth its leaves rank and broad, so that the huge and vile worms with thorns on them, even on their tails, came and formed habitation thereon, and did crawl all over and leave their slime and filth thereupon. And it came to pass in those days that the sons of men did look upon this rank and filthy plant and were very much enamored therewith, and did think it was beautiful to behold, and a plant very much to be desired to make lads big and manly. And it further came to pass that men claiming to be nice men, did put forth their hands and pull the heads off these filthy looking worms, and left their bodies still sticking on the tobacco leaf that the leaf might be made rich by the juice thereof, and having cut these filthy plants and smoked them, even with an exceeding great smoke, and cured and stripped and pressed and wrought the leaves into curious shapes and forms, the sons of men gave gold and silver for it, and did chew thereof. And some that chewed thereof it made sick at stomach, and others it made their heads to ache; and still others to vomit most filthily; but for all this they continued to chew thereof.

And it came to pass that those who continued to chew became exceedingly unmanly, and exclaimed: "We are enslaved and cannot cease from chewing!"

And the mouth of all who were enslaved became exceedingly filthy and foul insomuch that they were seized with a violent spitting; and they did spit even in ladies' parlors and on their carpets, and being wholly abandoned to the use of the plant, they even invaded the sacred precincts of the house of the Lord and there with prayers on their lips and tobacco in their mouths, they sang and prayed and preached, and spurted the filthy juice on the floor of the Lord's house, and under the pews, and in the pulpit, and did drop their quids of tobacco all over the floor of the house of the Most High God, and would return home and



say: "We have worshipped God today."

But some of the saints of the Most High were not well pleased with such conduct; but chewers cared not for any of these things, but continued to chew and spit where they pleased. And in the course of time it came to pass that this rank and filthy plant was ground into dust, even the stalks and stems and filth thereof, and was called snuff; and it came to pass that ladies—even beautiful and fair ladies—did make unto themselves brushes and mops and dipped the same in filth called snuff, and did put these filthy mops in their mouths and they would rub and scrub mightily and called the same dipping.

And again it came to pass, that the leaves of the filthy plant were cunningly wrought into little round rolls called cigars, and the sons of men did set fire to one end and put the other end in their mouth and sucked mightily, even as calves suck, and did look very grave and calf-like, and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and forever. And the cultivation thereof became a mighty business on earth: and the merchants and speculators waxed rich thereby.

And it came to pass that the saints (?) of the Most High defiled themselves therewith: even the poor, who could not buy bread nor shoes nor religious newspapers nor school books for the children, would spend money for the filthy plant and chew and spit while their families suffered. And the Lord was greatly displeased therewith and said: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which satisfieth not, and wherefore this waste? And why do these little ones lack bread and shoes, and your families do without religious papers, and your children have no school books? Turn now your tobacco fields into corn and wheat and cotton, and put this evil thing from you, and be ye separate and defile not yourselves; then I will bless you and cause my face to shine upon you." But unanimously the chewers and dippers and snuffers and puffers exclaimed: "We cannot cease from chewing and dipping and snuffing and puffing and sneezing and spitting—we are slaves!"—Sel.

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