

## **MISSIONS MONTH**

### **Recife, Brazil**

**Today we begin our Missions Month by focusing our attention on Recife, Brazil. The Trenton Church of Christ along with the Allen Park Church of Christ have been supporting Mike Pruitt and his family from the very beginning when Mike left Allen Park to attend the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas in 1976.**

**In 1977 Mike teamed up with 6 married couples who decided to go to Brazil because they had heard that the people were studying their Bibles for the first time and opening their hearts to the Good News. When the team arrived in Recife in 1980, they were only aware of two members of the churches of Christ in a 1,000 mile radius.**

**Now, in Recife alone there are 20 congregations with a total of more than 1,000 members; three of those congregations account for more than 500 souls. In the area surrounding Recife, there are an additional 84 congregations with an average of 40 members each. Indeed, the Lord was preparing the hearts of the people and sending workers to help the church grow.**

**Mike met Aureni and married her in April 1982. Their first son, Josh, who was with us last year about this time, was born in 1984. Based upon the Sunset School of Preaching model, the preacher school in Recife began in 1998 and has since graduated about 40 preachers.**