

## **News of Ian & Siméa Meldrum and the work in Olinda, Brazil, 24.4.08**

1. You will be delighted to know Siméa is much better.
2. The boy with leukaemia went home for the weekend. Siméa got him a bed and some furniture as the house was empty. His mother gave her life to the Lord on the Sunday.
3. The boys sent by the court are progressing well and also went forward at that service. One is 14, the other 15.
4. Two donations have come in from persons we don't know for the purchase of My Father's House. One, an American lady, gave £13,000 and a church gave £1,000. Please pray into this situation as it would cost about £50,000 to £60,000 to purchase a house of the size required.
5. Ian has to retire from SAMS next year as he will be 65, though he will carry on working. SAMS is keen to continue helping the project, so please pray into this situation.
6. Elias De Souza is working with the younger children and it is hoped Andy Roberts will work with the youth.
7. There is a chance that the State Government may put some money into the orphanage but we are not sure about any strings attached. It sounds as if it will only be for 10 months.
8. Ian says it costs £2,000 a month to keep the farm and My Father's House going, and that is with some voluntary workers.
9. Ian and Siméa will visit us July 2009. I have provisionally booked Bawtry Hall again. This time it is 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009 for a reunion weekend. I have only two weeks before I have to pay a deposit. Please will you give me feedback as to the number of people who would like to attend that weekend.

Again there are lots of big issues needing our prayers and support.

Love in Christ

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