

# W5 on Missions

**Who...** Doug and Jill Janzen are CBM Global Field Staff teaching at the Ana Wollerman Baptist Theological Seminary in Brazil. They have 3 daughters: Devorah, Anneken, and Katrina.

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After a year home the girls went back to their Brazilian school at the end of July/08.

Devorah jumped ahead to the middle of Grade 5 and Annie went back to the middle of grade 2. Thankfully they had not been forgotten during our year away and were warmly welcomed back by friends, teachers, and staff. School proved to be a bit difficult as the girls had forgotten their Portuguese while in Canada. Dev recovered hers rather quickly but Annie did not. She struggled the whole term with Portuguese and with the more advanced math that was being taught here. Devorah managed to pass Grade 5 but Annie had to do summer



**Devorah and Anneken**

school. In order to avoid similar difficulties next year we have decided to try homeschooling the girls. This will be new territory for us and we would appreciate your prayers. In other news, the girls have been back at art school which is one of their favourite things to do. Devorah was part of the worship/dance team at the fall conference for children and youth here at the seminary, and she has recently shown a lot of interest in learning how to cook.

Katie had a rocky transition back to Brazil as she got a urinary tract infection within a week of our arrival and then two more in August and September. We consulted with her doctor here and her urologist in Canada and decided to put her back on daily antibiotics. Since September she has had only one infection. Katie has made some good progress this past fall on her pre-reading skills. She knows most of the letter sounds now and is learning to identify what letter a word starts with just by hearing the word. I have tried to get her to sound out simple words but so far she hasn't shown much interest. I hope with time and patience she'll get the idea. She is also learning to dress and bathe herself.



**Doug and Jill Janzen**

**Where... Dourados, Brazil**

Brazil is the fifth largest country by geographical area (occupying nearly half of South America), the fifth most populous country (196,342,592 according to 2008 estimate), and the fourth most populous democracy in the world (officially the Federative Republic of Brazil). Its capital is Brasilia; its largest city is Sao Paulo. Language: Portuguese. Religion: 74% Roman Catholic, 15.4% Protestant, 7.4% agnostic or atheist.

**When...** From June 2001 to December 2002, the Janzens served at the seminary as Canadian Baptist Volunteers. In March of 2003, they were appointed by Canadian Baptist Ministries for long-term service. Doug is serving in the same school where his parents, retired CBM missionaries Karl and Kathy Janzen, served for 28 years.

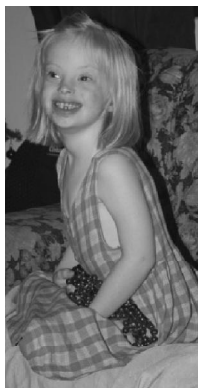
**What...** Doug has enjoyed getting back into teaching after having been away for a year in Canada. He has had fewer classes to teach this past term since both the Christian Education and Sacred Music programs are no longer running at the seminary. The slower pace has been nice for the family. In mid-December there was a graduating class of 29 students. Doug made an encouraging speech at the graduation dinner. A new group of more than 30 students started studies at the seminary in February. Doug was also appointed interim vice-director of the seminary when the vice-director and his wife left in August. The role has been more emotionally draining than teaching as he has been trying to deal not only with administrative details but also various relational and moral issues that have surfaced. However, he is enjoying the challenge.

**Why...** so the whole world will know.

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**Katie**