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Dear friends,

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Greetings in the name of Jesus. This is our long-overdue update for **2017—which was a different and interesting year** for us. We would like to begin by thanking all who have prayed for us and shown interest in our ministry.

During the first half of the year, Joyce finished her time as **Portuguese teacher** in Blairsville, Georgia, while I served as **interim pastor** of a small Baptist church about two hours from home. We had thought that both positions might continue longer, but plans were changed. The church decided to bring in a new interim and the new school superintendent decided to discontinue the Portuguese program.

However, we found out that these changes were not bad. In fact, we came to see that God was in things to free us to minister in other ways without conflict. God gave us an expenses-paid trip to Brazil in **August and September** preaching in local churches, teaching at a couples retreat, and visiting **our Brazilian son Aldenir** at the Bible college in southern Brazil—Joyce's first time there. What a great blessing!

After we returned, we participated in a five-day missions conference at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Rutledge, Georgia. Our time with **Pastor Steven Chambers** and his wonderful people was a real blessing. The rest of the year found us ministering in various ways, from Tallahassee, Florida to as far away as Plymouth, Massachusetts.

We were also heavily involved in finalizing **Joyce's** third book, her **new novel Illegal**, which went to the publisher in December. Illegal is the story of a family of destitute illegal immigrants and those who either oppose or try to befriend them. It is not political, but it does give an overview from several vantage points. The gospel is clearly presented throughout in the context of the storyline. The book went on sale in February and is available from several sources—including a signed copy from the author! Please contact us if you are interested.



**We now have a website** with lots of personal news and information about ordering the book. You may access us at either [www.johnlarrabee.com](http://www.johnlarrabee.com) or [www.joycelarrabee.com](http://www.joycelarrabee.com) The website is not quite complete, but it is useable. **Give it a try**, and let us hear from you.

In Christ, John and Joyce Larrabee

**NEWS UPDATE:** As of April 24, I have accepted the invitation to be missionary interim pastor at **Central Baptist Church in Rockville, Maryland**. I have already preached there twice, including Easter Sunday. We will officially start on May 6, and they have asked for at least a three-month commitment. Please pray as we prepare to lead this fine church forward for the glory of God. Pray also for the details of this temporary relocation, as **we will still have to maintain all of our affairs in Georgia**. All donations for our ministry will continue to go to:

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