As a soils technician and visiting professor in the Soils Division at the Federal University of Viçosa (UFV) in Minas Gerais, Brazil, under a USAID contract, I enjoyed a unique privilege. I had a small part in developing some of the skills of a young faculty in my own speciality. Even more interestingly I lent my efforts toward directing changes in thinking and organization of a university to accomplish broader objectives. The realization of these two accomplishments is the achievement enjoyed by any US university staff member who spends a period of his life in another country. He becomes a part of a developing contact with our sister educational institutions around the world.

Soon after my arrival in Viçosa in 1968, I found that my former graduate student Mauro Resende was on assignment with a team of soil scientists of the Ministry of Agriculture making a reconnaissance of the soils in the valley of the Rio Doce in eastern Minas Gerais. Resende was now responsible for teaching soil classification at the UFV.

Figure 2 (front cover). Road through area of old river terrace and Red-yellow podzolic, eutrophic soils is very slippery when wet. Subsoils are sandy clay loams with clay mostly kaolinitic. Here oxen, frightened by our pickup pulled a cart into the side ditch. Driver is trying to get them squared around while spectators look on.