

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20

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Dear supporting churches & prayer partners,

We hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving, and we apologize for the lateness of this letter. Things are still somewhat 'fluid' regarding the potential for getting to Brazil. We were waiting to hear back from the consulate the last time we wrote. Well, we never did hear back, and our application paperwork expired. In contacting the consulate, we were told they could not locate our application, as it appeared one was never sent, despite the receipts we had proving they were sent.

If we did not hear back, the plan has been to go in February (airline tickets are limited until then) and stay on our tourist visas. Three months is usually granted, and what develops ministry-wise during that time will determine whether we extend for a total of six months. Right now, it appears the Lord has closed the door on any long-term ministry. Orlando is currently working out a short-term lease for us to stay in his apartment complex, which would be a blessing to have in place upon arrival.

We have literature that we want to deliver, including John/Romans in Portuguese and story-based tracts that Brazilians are interested in reading. I have been told that quite a few folks are looking forward to our return and beginning Bible and English lessons. Catholicism and the Methodists are popular there, and several other splits off those religions that especially try to attract the youth. Would you please pray for receptive hearts?

Of course, the other everchanging situation is Covid travel restrictions and testing. I'm prepared to do whatever is necessary to travel, but please pray that it remains, at the very least, consistent as we near our planned departure date. Hopefully, quarantine will not be included as one of the necessary things.

From Myra

I want to send a special thank you to everyone who prayed for us and reached out to us after the unexpected death of my brother-in-law. Mom and I were able fly to Alaska to be with Audrey and her children during the funeral. We all felt your prayers. Although we were initially disappointed at the delays in getting to Brazil, I was grateful that I was here, close enough to fly and to be with family. It was a sweet reminder that God is always at work, even in the timing of our lives.

I continue to have Bible studies with the ladies God has put in my life, some in-person and others via video calls. I am thankful we live in this time of technology that makes this all possible.

We appreciate your prayers, patience, and continuing support for our ministry.

God bless,

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