

Missionaries to Brazil

The Tyler Family



"He is able to save them to the uttermost" Hebrews 7:25

Dear Prayer Partners,

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Greetings from northwest Brazil!!! After all the events over the past month, we are very excited to have reached our first destination in the state of Rondônia. God has put us in the jungle. As a matter of fact, everything north of us is considered part of the Amazon jungle.

Many people think Brazil is a large developing country, which is true. However, what most don't realize is that only portions of the country are developing. It really takes a lot of work to develop a jungle into a comfortable city.

We have learned that it takes a lot longer to just live in this area of the country. Here are some things that might be different here than where you live...

- Right now we spend over an hour every day just killing mosquitoes. They hide anywhere they can find a dark space, then come out at night.
- Shoes are a nuisance. When you wear them, you have to clean them, so most people just don't wear them. Just a few years ago, shoes were considered a luxury. Most of the time flip-flops are in order.
- You must remove your shoes entering a house. This is due to the mud and dirt outside. Socks are useless seeing they just clean your floors.
- Many people shower several times a day because of the heat, humidity, and the dirt. This also causes an increase in laundry because of the many changes of clothes.

We are right now in the city of Itapuã which has a population of about 7,000 people. The nearest city is 60 miles away. There is nothing east and west of here. There is only one highway which runs north and south through the state, and it recently developed a crater nearly 150 feet in diameter. Now, access to Porto Velho (the capital) is very difficult with detours lasting two hours or more. They have said it will take three months to fix but it could be much longer due to the rainy season. Until then, they are putting up a temporary one lane metal bridge in order to get traffic through the area.

Our temporary housing is right across the street from our fellow missionaries Tom and Cindy Brewer. They have been a great blessing to us and are helping us get settled and accustomed to the culture. We have been helping in their church some while we are here. The best news is that I had the opportunity to lead three young men to the Lord since our arrival here. It is exciting to see souls get saved and people giving their lives to the Lord.

Please visit our blog at www.brazilltotheuttermost.com where we have posted and will soon post more pictures of our surroundings here in northwestern Brazil. We appreciate all of you who keep up with us and pray for us regularly. Without your faithfulness, things would definitely be more difficult here. It is always a blessing to hear from you. Lord willing we will soon be settled and ready for some company.

Reaching the World through Brazil,

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