The Tyler Family

Reaching the World Through Brazil... Acts 1:8

Dear Prayer Partners, April - May 2019

On April 1st, our family went out to eat celebrating TEN YEARS since we arrived in Brazil. It is hard to believe that Judson, our youngest son was not even two years old when we arrived. He just celebrated his twelfth birthday last week.

Hours could be spent telling stories about the people we have met and how God has changed their lives. These years have changed our lives in many ways. We are far from being everything God would want us to be, but I believe with all of my heart that the Lord has led us and has drawn us closer to Himself. We were young, immature, inexperienced, and unprepared for many of the challenges that we faced. Now we have ten more years of age, immaturity, lack of experience and lack of preparation under our belts.

Instead of spending all of my time rehashing ten years of prayer letters, let me tell you what God is doing now. Since the beginning of the year we have had nearly 80 first time visitors in our services and several families are becoming regulars. Pray that our people will receive these newcomers with open arms and help them spiritually.

On May 25th, I will be meeting with a group of men in a city three hours north of us to discuss the establishment of a fundamental church in their city. There are a few Baptist churches there, but these families are looking for a vibrant Bible preaching, soul-winning church. They are not content with the way things are going and want to do more for God. Please pray about this. We are much busier than we were before. We have taken on almost all of the responsibilities here in the church and help is not abundant. We are praying our own men and women will be challenged to help reach our city and the cities around us with the Gospel message and clear Bible teaching.

We are training laborers to share the responsibilities. Men are volunteering to help and wanting to be trained. One man recently passed up a much better paying job in another city because he is excited about what God is doing in the life of his family through the church. On Easter Sunday another one of the men said, "Pastor, I have been studying what the Bible says about Easter and it is amazing! Is there any way I can share with the church some of what I have learned?" In our last men's meeting at the beginning of the month, the men spent nearly three hours talking about what God is doing in their lives! Hallelujah!

Two weeks ago, we revamped our Sunday School. We are now telling the Bible stories to everyone including the adults. Our goal is to use the Sunday School not only as a teaching session but also as a training session. Once we finish telling the story, we send the children out to the covered area behind the church to review and work on a craft, color a picture or something like that. Meanwhile, the remainder of our time is used applying and teaching the adults how to apply the stories. Soon the men will begin telling the stories and the women helping with the children.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! Many of you have been praying for us for nearly twelve years when we started deputation. God has used you to help us on this journey. For that, we are grateful.

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"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Mt. 9:38

"...He sent them into his vineyard." Mt. 20:2

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