The Tyler Family

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

Dear Prayer Partners,

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Being a missionary on a foreign field is a challenge. Language, finances, culture, church, government, people, relationships, kids, schooling, banking, and many other things force us to make decisions from day to day. Life is difficult and we make many mistakes along the way. We move from mistake to mistake until one day we realize that somewhere amongst the failures a life was changed. Suddenly, all those struggles don't look so bad after all! Every day has its challenges, but, looking back and seeing God's hand on the people that we have influenced, changes everything. The struggles, the trials, and all of the hardships all become worth it once again. We have been blessed to be a part of the wonderful work that God is doing around us. What a wonderful Savior!

God has blessed the church here in Vilhena. Spiritually speaking, the church is growing. We hope to have three or four weddings in the near future as the Holy Spirit is dealing with couples about their marital situation. Others have talked about baptism, membership, and how God is dealing with them personally. Numerically, the church is growing also. We have five new families attending and several other families slowly returning. Sunday evening after church I walked by some men and teenage boys in a group. I heard one of the men encouraging the others to study the Bible and get involved in teaching others.

A couple of years ago, we put together a book with 264 songs in it. We printed a limited amount and have completely sold out of all the books with exception of a few we reserved for our church. Every week I receive communication from people who want the book. Two weeks ago, someone asked if there was an app for the songbook. Many have asked about reprinting it, which would be a great idea. Funds, logistics, space and time are a few of the factors that limit us. However, even with the limited printed books, there are dozens of churches all over Brazil using the book in one way or another and we are thankful for that. Help us pray about how we can continue to use this resource.

On a personal note, we ask you to pray about the sale of our vehicle. It has served its purpose for the past six years. Our vehicle is getting to the point where it needs some repairs and due to the cost, lack of parts in our region, and shipping, repairs usually take about two weeks. Lord willing, we will be able to get something more common for our region. The boys have grown quite a bit over the past few years and they need more leg space in the back seat. We also would like something with a bit better gas mileage for travelling around our state. We have been trying to sell or trade for six months already without any success. So, please help us pray.

God has blessed our family. Amanda celebrated a special birthday at the end of July. Josiah, the quietest of the three, has become our official piano player for all the services. He is also our dictionary, lawyer, and baseball statistician. Jonathan is known for his excitement and for his appetite, yet he is always encouraging and helps out in many ways. His opinions on molecular structure, astronomy, and basically any science subject are quite challenging. Judson has a way of keeping all the kids busy after church. He used to be the cute little boy in the city orchestra, but now he is the little celebrity who has only one spot left to become the 1st chair clarinetist. Amanda and I have truly been blessed!

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support!

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"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth." Ps. 121:1-2

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