

The Tyler Family



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

Dear Prayer Partners,

September - October 2019

It is truly a joy to be writing to you. After all of the unforeseen events of the past month, all we can do is praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy to us. If you are unaware of these events, I will summarize them.

On the 14th of September I got up early to go to the church and work. We had hired a few men to make a few improvements at the church before the rainy season. As any good pastor would do, I wanted to make sure the workers were doing things as they should be done.

While inspecting their work on the roof, I must have missed my step. A tile broke and I fell 20 ft. into the auditorium. God had cleared my path so nothing would be in my way. I fell on my right wrist, then hit my right side and my head. I was taken immediately by ambulance to the public hospital where I woke up, not having a clue what was going on. After six days laying on my back with absolutely no answers, I was transferred to a private hospital where I laid for two more days awaiting the medivac team to get me out of there.

Time will not allow us to tell of the difficulties during those days. Public healthcare, risk of infection, incompetent doctors, lack of resources, and many other situations were cause for concern. Yet, we know without a shadow of doubt, that it was the hand of God that protected me.

Eight days after the accident I was taken to the Albert Einstein Hospital in São Paulo. This option was given to us by the insurance company. This also was of the Lord. Within six hours, we had more answers about the situation than we had been given in the last week in the public healthcare system. In the fall, I fractured my cranium, broke multiple bones in my wrist, broke my pelvis in the front and back, broke my sacrum and several vertebrae. They waited almost two days to take me to surgery in order to evaluate my situation more carefully.

I underwent 12 hours of surgery on the 24th of September. Praise the Lord, they were able to fix my pelvis and my hand all at the same time. This was a huge answer to prayer. After the surgery, we began to finally see a few signs of improvement. Within just a few days I began getting up from the bed, standing, and walking with the help of crutches. Progress has slowed quite a bit until the bones fully fuse and I am allowed to put weight on my right leg. Please continue to pray for healing, patience, wisdom, and most of all a full recovery.

There are many decisions to be made that affect our personal lives, our friends, our church and the ministry. It is our desire to finish physical therapy back in Vilhena. We would like to return home by mid December or sometime in January. For now, we are staying in São Paulo at my parents' house in order to return for follow up visits to the doctors until I can be released to travel.

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Missionaries to Brazil

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While I was in college many years ago, I remember watching a video Dr. Keen showed us about the emergency of missions. The video made a good point of emphasizing that in emergency situations, many times we do not follow regular procedures or laws. For example, a fire truck may run a red light to get to a burning building.

Taking this same idea, our church in Vilhena was suddenly thrown into an emergency situation. We are working at training laborers, but few if any were ready. The church suddenly was in need of song directors, Sunday School teachers, preachers, children's workers, and people to organize events, activities, church services and more. To our amazement God was already at work! He had placed workers in our church as it pleased Him. "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." I Corinthians 12:18

We are amazed at what has happened over the last few weeks in Vilhena. My parents flew in immediately after my accident and were able to help some with the church. However, without being prompted, the men of the church called a meeting and split up responsibilities. They even volunteered for night shifts to stay with me in the hospital so Amanda could get some rest. Everyone has been helpful.

Sometimes we may wonder at God's timing, but we must still trust that He knows best. All of our co-workers have been traveling since before my accident. Why? Because God had planned it that way. They did not rush back to assume all responsibility. God had a better plan. He wanted the people to grow! They are a young immature flock, but they now know that they are the church. The church is not for them. The church is them!

Before the accident I had made a little chart of responsibilities for our annual children's day activity. They all signed up and continued with the activity without my help. They signed up as Bible story teachers, song leaders, Bible verse teachers, game organizers, and several other responsibilities. It was such a blessing that there were around 40 children that attended besides parents and workers. It was by far the biggest activity our church has ever had. What a blessing!

To beat that, two of our church kids trusted the Lord as their Savior. The next day the Lord also blessed with another two adults placing their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! Hallelujah! The Lord chose to do this without us, by using our church people. What a blessing! God is good.

We have been showered with prayers. I think I can say without a doubt that hundreds of churches around the world have been praying, giving, writing, and encouraging us. Thank you for your encouragement.

Reaching the world through Brazil,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Tyler".

"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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