

# The Tyler Family



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

Dear Prayer Partners,

February - March 2021

Our furlough is approaching faster than we can prepare for it. We have already finished many preparations and scheduled quite a few meetings. It is amazing how God works! After blocking off several weeks in the northwest of the country, the Lord has given us the exact number of meetings to fill those dates.

I have designed new prayer cards for our family and for my parents. Now we are working on a video which will not be quite so easy. Our house is up for sale and we plan to get as many things as possible prepared for a move. It is possible that our house would sell while we are on furlough. We have also filed our US and Brazil taxes for this year, rented a vehicle for travel, secured insurance, and finished getting passports renewed for our trip. The days and days of tedious office work and bureaucratic runaround are a part of missions that can be very overwhelming at times.

We are scheduled to leave Brazil on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Though uncertain about circumstances, we are doing our best to prepare. We must get tested within three days of boarding the first flight. Our local airport is temporarily closed which means we will have to leave even earlier to travel ten hours to the next available airport. Please pray the Lord will keep us healthy so we can rest, be refreshed by fellowship, and enjoy family time while on furlough.

Other challenges at hand are the continually changing COVID restrictions and travel requirements. Our church is currently meeting on Monday evenings to get around the weekend lockdowns and 9pm curfews. Also, we are trying to help other churches and the state is cracking down more vigorously each week. We are awaiting a decision today in a lawsuit the state filed against the city of Cacoal where I am scheduled to preach next weekend. The mayor has said that churches could open, but the state government is trying to force everything to close. Hospitals are full to capacity and many patients are being relocated to other cities or states.

These days have been challenging on a spiritual level also as we seek to witness, teach, counsel and preach. It is not hard to bring up the subject of the pandemic, politics, world crisis, or even the end times. Everyone seems eager to talk about such subjects, but many are afraid to act. People realize that they need God now more than ever, but at the same time they do not want to make changes that could jeopardize their current economic situation. Every conversation is important! Small, seemingly meaningless encounters can have a great impact when we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Oh, that we would see a great outpouring of God's Spirit in the coming days. Lord, please use us!

The Lord has given us peace about our next steps. Over the next few months, we will be sharing more about our future goals and the establishing of another church. We have a tendency to see the problems, hear the criticism, and concentrate on the negative, yet God's hand is working behind the scenes just as he did with Joseph and his brothers. He is opening up opportunities for us, for our children, and for our parents. We stand in awe of His care and protection.

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

*"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise... but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish..." II Peter 3:9*

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