

LOCKHART FAMILY

Missionaries to Brazil

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Dear Praying Friends,

As we enter this month of Thanksgiving, we can't help but be grateful for the innumerable blessings and immeasurable grace that the LORD has bestowed upon us throughout this past year here in Brazil. We have learned much, and each day as we study, we are becoming more prepared to reach the Brazilian people with their own language. Your faithful prayers and support have enabled us to continue in our Portuguese language study and preparation for future ministry.

During the month of September, Jeremy was able to preach twice, teach a junior boy's Sunday school class, and begin a weekly Bible study with a few of the teenagers that go to our church. Each time of preaching or teaching helps him to identify the areas of Portuguese study he needs to work on the most. The Bible studies have gone especially well each week. The teenagers are full of questions, and Jeremy encourages them to ask more. In a country full of cults, false religion, and authoritarian preachers, it is important that one learn to ask questions, find the answers in the Bible, and not accept any answer that is not Biblical. We are not loyal to a religion, or to a leader, but to God and His written Word! If the young people learn anything after these studies, we desire that they learn to know God and rightly divide His Word. What the prophet Hosea said long ago is still true today, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." In our town there are many illiterate and uneducated people. False religion loves to intimidate and prey upon ignorance. Those who cannot read the truth, or are ignorant of the truth are bound to accept whatever the priest or preacher says, whether it be Biblical or not. Our prayer is that God would give us a grasp on this language, so that with His power, we can not only witness to the lost and see them saved, but also help to arm the believers with the most powerful weapon: "The Word of God which liveth and abideth forever..."

October arrived, and we tried something different. Throughout our time here in Brazil, Esther has missed many months of language classes due to different illnesses. We were trying to think of different ways to help her language skills come along. Well, to make a long month of bad cooking stories short, we decided that Esther would take her and Jeremy's class time for the month, as well as spend the month studying and visiting neighbors to practice her Portuguese. Sounds simple, right? Well, when you make Jeremy into a cook, clothes washer, house cleaner, and school teacher, one month of life can be quite dangerous! Although a month can't make up for all the school time missed, Esther has certainly come a long way. Any missionary wife has a greater challenge in language learning as she cares for her home, children, and husband while trying to learn the language at the same time! Add on top of that all the months of time she was ill in a foreign country, and I'd say I'm quite proud of how well she has done! God has certainly been good to us and has given us grace and help beyond measure as we continue to learn life in Brazil! We cannot thank Him enough for His goodness! "O give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people!" Psalm 105:1

Thank you to each of you for your faithful prayers and support!

Gratefully,
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*Now unto Him that is able to do
exceedingly abundant above all that
ye ask or think... Eph. 3:20*



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