

LOCKHART FAMILY

Missionaries to Brazil

I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness...Jonah 4:2

Dear Praying Friends,

Thinking through the last two months, we are reminded of the grace and mercy of our God, not only in our lives, but also in this spiritually dark country. When Jonah looked at Nineveh, he was filled with anger, and longed for the destruction of the people and their wicked ways. However, when God looked at Nineveh, He was slow to anger and full of mercy and grace. Please pray that God would enable us to manifest this same mercy and grace to those in this needy city.

Health Update: In the last letter, we mentioned that Esther had lost almost all vision in one of her eyes due to a corneal ulcer. We praise the Lord that her vision returned almost completely. The ulcer did leave a scar on her cornea causing an oblique astigmatism. Her prescription changed only slightly. She is very thankful for your prayers, and for the return of her vision. Judah's pneumonia seems to be all cleared up. His surgery went successful as well. Many thanks for your prayers!

Church Happenings: We had our annual VBS in July, and were able to help out with the music and one of the teams. Jeremy was able to deal with a couple of young boys who needed to understand from the Scriptures that their salvation could not be lost. What a blessing that Jesus did all of the work of saving, and that there is nothing I can do to help Him. Jeremy also began directing a small choir at our church in July. Thankfully, the choir has a good ear for their part, as most do not yet know how to read music.

Men's Retreat: Fellow missionary Peter Dolittle has a camp in the next city over. We were able to enjoy good preaching and fellowship with men from several different churches. Pastor Nathan Deatrick from the States was here and preached several good messages. Jeremy was also able to interpret for a couple of messages he preached at our church.

House Repairs: We were able to do much work around the house to help eliminate the mold problem. The mango tree was cut down. The front and most of the back yard have been concreted and tiled. During the rainy season, the shade from the mango tree caused the mold to grow thick on the porch and up our walls. We believe the improvements helped much to eliminate this problem.

Future Happenings: During the month of November, the Brazilian pastor and his family will head to the States for a six-month furlough. We have agreed to pastor the church during these six months. This will be good for our Portuguese, and give us a much-needed experience before heading out to plant another church. Please pray with us that God would give strength and wisdom in this work, a better command over the language, and fruit from our labor.

As always, thank you very much to each of you who have labored and given of your time and resources to keep us here in Brazil. Please know that we are grateful to you for giving of your life there, so we can give ours to the work here in Brazil.

Gratefully,

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*Now unto Him that is able
to do exceeding abundantly
above all that we ask or
think... Eph. 3:20*



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