

LOCKHART FAMILY

Missionaries to Brazil

"O give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people."

Dear Praying Friends,

Once again, we thank the Lord for His work in our lives and in the lives of those here in Brazil. Let me share a little of what we have been up to these past couple months.

Bible Studies. Jeremy has continued his weekly Bible study with some of the teenagers from church. We are thankful for little steps of growth that we have seen in their lives. These Bible studies have put us in contact with some other teenagers. Some are teens that years ago used to frequent the services at church, but do not have a clear testimony or understanding of the Gospel. At their request, Jeremy has started a separate Bible study each week. Please pray for the salvation and growth of Jovanilson and Dailton.

Visitors from the USA. We were also blessed in October to have Jeremy's parents come for a visit. Over 2 ½ years had passed since we last saw them. It was quite a blessing to visit and show them around Brazil. Our kids had a blast getting to play with Grandpa and Grandma. We thank the Lord for this opportunity.

Marriage Counseling. What a blessing it is that we have the answers for our problems in the Scriptures. Otherwise, in our marriages, our child training, and in our lives we would be hopeless. I have found that most of the time, when we are ready and willing to help with Biblical answers, there are those who are thirsty for the truth. In our area of Brazil, we have found that a good number of marriages began with a pregnant 14 or 15 year-old girl, and an immature young father with no work ethic and no idea how to love and take care of a wife. Thus, you can imagine the marital problems that ensue. Jeremy began counseling a young man, and we are praying that God would do a work to better this young couples' marriage.

Evangelization. We have been constantly reminded these past weeks that the cure for every problem of man is found in the Scriptures. Brazil is a very religious country. Most with whom we talk will associate themselves with some type of religion. In our neighborhood, there is some type of a "church" on almost every block. Although religious, most know nothing of the true nature of God and His Word. I believe that what Jesus said to the Pharisees of His day could also be said of many here in Brazil. "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." (Matthew 15:8) Only a supernatural work of God can heal their spiritual blindness and help them see that going to church, giving their tithe, and pleasing their priest or pastor is not going to gain them any favor with God. It is actually these very things that are keeping many from genuine repentance. They have not yet understood that God's favor is free, and it is offered as a gift in the Person of Jesus Christ. When a person truly understands God's grace, and believes on Jesus who has already completely satisfied the righteous demands of a holy God, they can then come to church because they want to rather than to gain approval from man and God! The cure for a sin sick soul is not a visit to my church. It is Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind. It is our prayer that God, through the teaching and preaching of His Word, would open the blinded eyes of those we meet, that they may see their sin, repent, and believe the Gospel. Please continue praying for us as we seek to make disciples and teach them the Word of God.

With Grateful Hearts,
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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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