

LOCKHART FAMILY

Missionaries to Brazil

Dear Praying Friends,

God has certainly blessed and given us much needed strength and guidance through the past couple of months. Life has been quite busy, and there are so many opportunities for ministry that we constantly have to ask the Lord for wisdom as to which opportunities we should accept and which we must turn away. There is so much need here, and it is our desire to see God develop Brazilian laborers to do the work of the ministry.

Salvation. Jeremy has been preaching through the book of John on Sunday nights, and recently, a young girl came to him after the service and said she wanted to be saved. When a child says this, the first question we usually ask is, "Have you been saved before?" Oftentimes the child will say, "Oh yes, lots of times!" This gives us a little insight to see how much the child understands about salvation. However, this time the answer was a little different. The little girl answered, "A few years ago I prayed a prayer and "accepted" Jesus, but I had no idea what that really meant. I know now that I really need to trust in Jesus to save me from my sin, and I would like to be trust him now." Praise the Lord! Late that same night, at about 11:30, we heard someone out front calling for Jeremy. It was a group of teenagers from our church that had gone out to the corner restaurant for some ice cream. While at the ice cream shop, Willian, the teenage boy who Jeremy has been discipling for the past couple years, had witnessed to an 11 year old girl that went with them, and she received Jesus as her Savior there at the ice cream shop. They had all come to our house because Willian wanted to make sure he had explained the Gospel right. Those are the kind of knocks at the door we enjoy getting that late at night!

Counseling. During the months of March and April, we spent countless hours counseling and teaching the Scriptures at the homes of various members as well as others in our neighborhood. Many questions about marriage issues, bitterness, and doubts of salvation seemed to be the theme. Whatever the struggle in one's life, we have found that the Word of God has been faithful to teach, to correct, and to encourage those who have listened to its words.

Furlough. In the midst of our work here, we are also trying to plan our first furlough. We have plane tickets to leave Brazil August 1st of this year and plan to return to Brazil in the late spring of 2014. We have some meetings scheduled and, little by little, we plan to call the rest of you. We are starting to get excited about seeing friends and family, as well as some nephews and nieces that we have not been able to meet yet! When we return to Brazil, our plans are to move to Rondonópolis with our co-workers, the Schrocks, to begin a new ministry in this city of about 200,000, which has very little Gospel witness. We look forward to sharing all of this with you when we get home to the States! 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
exceeding abundantly above all
that we ask or think... Eph. 3:20*



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