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Dear Prayer Partners, October 2, 2017

1Peter 3:12a "For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers:" I love this verse as there are a multitude of lessons we can learn from it. The Lord, of course, can see all our needs and knows everything taking place in our lives, but He still wants to hear us pray and ask for His help in supplying our needs. I mentioned in our last letter that our schedule was thin and we were in need of meetings to fill our fall schedule. The Lord faithfully heard our prayers and has given us a good number of meetings in the next couple months.

RECENT EVENTS

We had a great time in Creedmoor, NC, with Landmark Baptist Church and are grateful that the Lord has moved them to partner with us in reaching Brazil. The Lord also blessed with another meeting in September at Gantt Street Baptist Church in Cayce, SC. We were able to visit some churches in the area and make good contacts with pastors for future possibilities of meetings. Something we had been praying about but had not mentioned was that we would find a good church to attend as a temporary home church while living in North Carolina when not on the road. We are pleased that the Lord has directed us to Maranatha Baptist Church in Shelby, NC, and have been able to take part in the ministries of a growing church.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

This weekend we will be driving up to Spotsylvania, VA, for a missions conference through Wednesday. We also have a couple of Sunday meetings in Kentucky and North Carolina during October. In November, we will be driving up to Massachusetts for two conferences along with a third conference in Columbia, SC. Please pray for travel mercies as we will be putting in many miles of driving these next couple of months. Also, pray for the logistics in getting to each meeting and being rested for each as we present our burden for Brazil in each of these churches.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

If you remember from our June letter, the church was given a large love offering for the purchase of property to build on. Praise the Lord, they have found and begun purchasing land for a great price; please pray as they begin to make building plans and find contractors to do the work. Along with that, they are preparing to put together a constitution and officially organize the church. The Lord is continuing to bless with another 6 baptized in August and 4 souls saved last month. Pray for these that they continue to grow in the Lord and remain faithful in attending church. The rain has begun to taper off as they approach spring and summer; pray that the rain they received in the winter time will last throughout the hot summer months.

Praises:

Good meetings Support up to 42% Land purchase in Brazil Souls saved and baptized

Prayer Requests:

Travel mercies
Preaching and presenting in upcoming meetings
Wisdom in building project
Growth of new believers and church as a whole

Yours for the souls of Brazil, Joel and Noel Smothers.





