PLEASE PRAY FOR

JOEL & NOEL SMOTHERS missionaries to BELO JARDIM, BRAZIL

Dear Praying Partners,

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Psalm 98:1a "O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things:" We are certainly singing songs of praise to the Lord as we have received two new churches and another individual's support, which has pushed us over the half way mark to 51.29%. We also have a well filled schedule for this spring! The Lord has really blessed us with supplying all our needs and getting us closer to reaching the field.

RECENT EVENT

December was a restful month for us at our home in North Carolina. We did have one meeting in Georgia for the month which went very well, but for the rest of the month we stayed at home. We had a wonderful Christmas and New Year as our first together being married. In January we meetings in Georgia, Maryland, and Virginia. Thankfully, the snow cleared out before we headed north, and we were able to get to all our meetings safely and had a great time with each church. It was a blessing to meet many new people and make some good friends.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

This weekend we will be heading to Ocean Springs, Mississippi for a missions conference with Grace Independent Baptist Church. From there we will be going to Florida where we will spend most of March in three different meetings in Palm Harbor, Panama City, and Fort Walton Beach. We will return home and have a meeting in West Virginia the last Sunday of March. We are glad to be going south again and hoping for some warm weather!

PREPARING FOR THE FIELD

You may notice the title change of this paragraph from our previous letters being "News from the Field." Now that we are over half way to our financial goal for getting to the field, we want to keep you all informed of our preparations for reaching Brazil. The first thing to let you all know to pray for is Joel's language studies. Bro. Dickens has been looking into different possibilities for either a private tutor or a language school in Brazil close to where we will be serving. Unfortunately, there is not a good option for either, but he found an online course with a private teacher using skype. He did a trial lesson and found it to be very good. Lord willing, Joel will be able to start soon. It is twenty-five dollars per hour lesson and he would need to do 3-5 lessons a week. Right now, our budget will not allow for that, but we are confident that our support will continue to rise quickly, and he can begin soon to be able to have a head start before getting to Brazil.

Thank you for all your payers for us, we could not do this without them!

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

Prayer Praises: Full spring schedule New support Language school opportunity Prayer Requests: Remaining fall schedule to fill Safety on road Funds for language school

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