

PLEASE PRAY FOR

JOEL & NOEL
SMOTHERS
missionaries to
BELO JARDIM, BRAZIL

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Dear Praying Partners,

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Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this letter. We have simply been going nonstop and I have not had the chance to collect my thoughts and write out this update sooner.

Psalm 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. Yes, you read that correctly! We are excited to announce that we will be having a son in early September! Noel is doing well, and baby is healthy and active! The Lord has blessed us in so many ways! We have had a great couple of months in meetings and have three more supporting churches bringing us to almost 61% of our needed support.

RECENT EVENTS

We had a great time in Mississippi and were able to make many new friends and partner with the church there to reach Brazil. Our other meetings in Florida went very well and God blessed in each one. We returned home to North Carolina after being out for just over a month and driving over 4,000 miles. Thank the Lord for much safety on the road! We then were able to be in Evington, Virginia in a church's first missions conference. We followed that with another conference in Newport, North Carolina and a meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

We will be heading out to Missouri and Arkansas for a few meetings the end of this month and beginning of May. We will have a meeting in Maryland on June 3rd and then will be flying to Brazil the 4th through the 19th.

PREPARING FOR THE FIELD

Since Noel's parents are also missionaries in Brazil she has a residency visa that is still active as long as she is in Brazil every two years. Keeping her residency active is very beneficial for us to reach Brazil permanently and not have to go through the long, tiring and expensive process of a ministry visa for me. Once we are there permanently I can apply for residency through her status. It will still incur some expenses later on but not as much as a ministry visa. We will also be able to visit the Dickens in Belo Jardim where the Lord has called us to serve Him. This will be a good opportunity for Noel to see it for herself and to get a better idea of living costs for when we do reach Brazil. Since we are still several months out from being able to move there, it is too early to make any kind of house or vehicle purchases. Please pray that Noel does well with all the flying.

Thank you for all your prayers on our behalf.

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

Prayer Praises:

Safety on road
Many good meetings
Coming of our son

Prayer Requests:

Meetings in MO and AR
Flight to Brazil
Accomplish much while in Brazil



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