

PLEASE PRAY FOR

JOEL & NOEL
SMOTHERS
missionaries to
BELO JARDIM, BRAZIL

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Dear Prayer Partners,

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Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. There are many times that I think it would be so nice to just have all our support immediately and be on the field right now, but I think about this verse and realize that if we went to the field immediately without the training and prepping that comes through deputation how easily and quickly we would faint. Waiting on the Lord to bring in our full support is a great reminder that it is not our strength or efforts that allow us to be in the ministry but God's. We do have two new supporting churches bringing us to 68% of our needed support. We are very thankful for those that have partnered with us to reach Brazil with the Gospel!

RECENT EVENTS

Due to our church's busy schedule in July, our pastor thought it best to postpone Joel's ordination to a later date. It was still a blessing to be a part of their missions month as well as having the ladies give a surprise baby shower for Noel! The Lord blesses us with another meeting in July with Guiding Light Baptist Church in Star, NC and it is a joy to have them partner with us. We had a good meeting in West Virginia on the 12th of August and are now at home awaiting our son's arrival which could be any day now!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Our next scheduled meeting is a missions conference in Tennessee, September 17-23. Please pray that our son arrives soon enough before this so that he and Noel will be able to attend this conference. October will be a busy month with several meetings as well as a missions conference here in Shelby where we have been attending when not on the road.

PREPARING FOR THE FIELD

One of the things we wanted to investigate while on our trip to Brazil was shipping versus buying most of our household needs in Brazil. What we found is that it is more economical to buy our furniture and other necessities once we arrive in country. We will probably ship a few things via pallet cargo but for the most part we will buy what we absolutely need when we get there and add to it as the Lord provides. There is so much that goes into moving to another country, I am glad I have started working on it all now.

Thank you for your faithful prayers on our behalf!

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

Prayer Praises:

New support
Safety on the road

Prayer Requests:

Son's arrival soon
Remaining schedule to fill



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