

PLEASE PRAY FOR

JOEL & NOEL  
**SMOTHERS**  
*missionaries to*  
**BELO JARDIM, BRAZIL**

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Dear Prayer Partners,

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**Psalm 9:1** I will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvelous works. We are praising the Lord for the opportunity to visit many great churches these past couple of months and are seeing the Lord do marvelous things through the sacrificial giving of His people. We are so blessed to have many dear people praying for us and supporting us in our endeavors to reach Brazil with the Gospel. We are thankful for several new supporting churches which bring us to 89% of our needed support.

### RECENT EVENTS

On the second of March we headed out for what would be a two and a half month road trip starting out in Tennessee. During the missions conference in Tennessee we received news that our pastor's wife passed away after an eight month battle with cancer. We left there and went to Florida to be with our pastor and church family for the memorial service. The Lord gave great grace to our pastor as he preached an excellent salvation message and reminisced on the 48 years he had with his wife. We then headed back to North Carolina for a couple more missions conferences and two other meetings in Virginia. On the fifth of April after a two day reprieve at home, we left for Ohio to begin a long stretch of meetings across Ohio, Canada, Michigan, and Indiana. The end of April we drove around 1,200 miles from central Ohio to West Palm Beach, Florida in two days to be in a missions conference with a church Joel had presented in three years ago who invited us to return. We then made our way to Joel's parent's house in northwest Florida for a couple of weeks of family time and meetings in their area.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

We will be with our home church this Sunday for Mother's Day and in Tennessee for a missions conference Monday through Wednesday. Sunday the nineteenth we will be in Spartanburg, South Carolina for what will most likely be our last meeting of deputation! Praise the Lord!! Then the real work begins of going through all our belongings and deciding what we need and can take to Brazil.

### PREPARING FOR THE FIELD

Our appointment is set at the consulate for the seventeenth of this month to officially submit our visa application. Please pray that this will be processed quickly and approval will be granted so we can set the date for departure and purchase tickets.

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

#### Prayer Praises:

Safety over many miles of driving  
New support

#### Prayer Requests:

Final meetings  
Visa process and approval



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