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**ALLEN**  
 Missionaries in Brazil

Field Update Jan - Feb 2024

Greetings, Pastor and fellow laborers in Christ,

**LIVING-BY-FAITH ADVENTURES**

During their brief absence in the US a year ago, Donna and I were privileged to temporarily fill in for missionaries Stephen and Kelly Doolittle in Guarantã do Norte, Mato Grosso, Brazil. The Doolittles arrived in Guarantã do Norte in 2017 and started "Eternal Rock Baptist Church." During the time we filled in for them, we learned about their quest to find someone to continue the work upon their future permanent departure, and we joined them in praying that God would provide a suitable candidate (primarily a national Pastor) to meet this crucial need. However ...

As we entered the New Year—2024, unexpectedly and contrary to our initial expectations, we realized and firmly believed that God was leading us to assume the responsibility for the Doolittle's work. Despite the initial challenges associated with such a significant life change, we embraced the idea of starting a new chapter and surrendered to God's guidance. We firmly believed that, having opened this opportunity for us, He had already paved the way before us. Subsequently, we communicated our decision to the relevant parties and have recently arrived in Guarantã do Norte.



Guarantã do Norte is located in the northernmost region of Mato Grosso, approximately a day's drive south of the Amazon River. Established in June 1981, the town had a population of 35,816 as of 2019. The predominant religion is Catholicism, with Protestantism, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Spiritism also widely practiced. Notably, the town has a First Baptist Church, although it tends to embrace ecumenicalism.

God has incredibly blessed Brother and Sister Doolittle's efforts, providing the church with firmly founded families eager to grow spiritually and see souls saved, and that their church continues onward following their beloved founders' departure later this year.

**GOALS AND PRAYER PETITIONS**

As Donna and I take on the leadership role for the Doolittle's church plant, we deeply value your prayers for God's daily guidance as we embrace all responsibilities ahead. The church property covers an area of 1200 square feet, comprising a 56-square-foot wooden worship building and a 300-square-foot gymnasium. A few foreseen needs are tearing down the wooden structure, and building an auditorium. We humbly request your prayers as we rely on God's continued provision for the ongoing construction efforts at Eternal Rock Baptist Church.

With God's guidance and leadership, we are committed to advancing the establishment of the new church, working, praying, and trusting God will provide the right national Pastor to whom we will eventually entrust the church's leadership. We are already witnessing the hand of God in this endeavor, and we ask for your prayers as we await the individual whom God is calling to embrace this responsibility and step forward with surrender and conviction.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering financial and prayer support. It is with great honor that we represent you in Brazil. May God bless your generosity abundantly, giving fruit that abounds to your account, amen!

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