

# THE SMITH FAMILY

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers. God has been, is, and will always be faithful! It would take several pages to tell all the times that God has met our needs (financial/spiritual/physical). I know that this is because of those that have faithfully prayed for us since our journey began a little over 9 months ago. We are thankful for the churches that are partnering with us financially, but prayer is the <u>key</u> to living for the Lord.

## Deputation Updates

The biggest answer to prayer is the ability now to travel further away from home for meetings. God has brought into my path an opportunity to work at another place for the remainder of our deputation. The flexibility in schedule and no longer having to work 3<sup>rd</sup> shift are huge blessings. This is just another "piece of the puzzle" coming together as God is showing us that He is in control, and everything is happening on His time schedule. My schedule is continuing to fill up and I just have to praise the Lord for the opportunities. Please help us get the word out about our burden for South America.

## Family Updates

As I am writing this letter, we now have another eligible driver in our home... Kyle is now 15 years old! Where has the last 15 years gone? Pray for me and Heather as we try to get him ready for the open roads.

#### Field Updates

In January, I will be taking my first trip to Brazil since partnering with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. It will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first church that my dad, Robert Smith, started in Franca, São Paulo. I am excited to have the opportunity to be present for this great milestone. I have already renewed my American passport, but getting my Brazilian passport has been a challenge (since I have dual citizenship). There have been some new laws/regulations that have made this tedious. I still have a couple more things to complete before personally appearing at the Brazilian consulate in Atlanta.

#### Prayer Request/Needs

Pray for our missionaries and their families in the non-Spanish speaking countries of South America: Robert & Cathy Smith, James & Soraia Allen, Scott & Donna Allen, and Alex & Jessica Lima. Will you pray that God will allow me to cross paths with people that God is preparing for the field? We need more laborers! God is still calling... people just need to start hearing and answering the call. May God allow us to meet these families and help get them to the place where God has called them.

"In His Grip"

Bro. Jonathan Smith Isaiah 41:13



Are you <u>ENLISTED</u> in God's Service? Will you <u>send</u>? Will you <u>go</u>? Or will you <u>disobey</u>?

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