



THE SMITH FAMILY

Jonathan, Heather, Katie, Kyle, Kaden, & Kipton

South American Field Director

For the non-Spanish speaking countries



1st Quarter 2025 (January - March)

Dear Friends,

A lot of great things have happened this first quarter. I was able to be in Brazil for 10 days visiting and preaching at a couple of the churches. It was great to be at the 40th anniversary of the 1st church started in Franca, SP. It was refreshing to see the men that are still faithful in the ministry! I also had the privilege to meet, for the first time, other national pastors that are the fruit of the works there. My heart is further burdened as there is much work to do, yet laborers are needed. I can't wait to be able to go back, but the focus is back to finishing deputation.

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Deputation Updates

We are over 27% of our support. This a great increase since my last letter, as most missionaries don't have meetings in January/February. We need to cross over the 45% mark to be able to "pull the plug" on secular employment and going full-time in the Lord's work. Please pray that God will continue to open doors. Pastors are beginning to book us, and we are already ramping up by being on the road most weekends. If you know someone that we can reach out to, please let us know.

Family Updates

Our youngest son, Kipton, came to me and Heather one night in the living room, crying. He had made a profession when he was younger, but he said he did not remember any of it. Come to find out, he had trouble sleeping and was under heavy conviction. Our Pastor had made a statement while preaching that "rung his bell." I'm glad to report that he settled it on his knees between Heather and I in the living room floor. Glory!

Field Updates

Mom and Dad plan to return to Brazil in July to fill in for the Lima family. James & Soraia Allen are planning to come in for furlough in May. Alex and Jessica Lima also plan to come in for a 6-month furlough in July. Blake and Haylee Muscott plan on moving to Guyana in July. Please consider having them in your church. You can reach out to me or the home office for their contact information.

Prayer Request/Needs

Next on our to do list is getting passports/visas for the family. This will cost us around \$1,500 for everything. Also, we are beginning to raise funds for a small travel trailer (estimated \$16,000). This trailer will open up more doors and also save us and churches money. Will you consider helping us with one of these needs? As always, pray for laborers ... there is much to be done, but we need people to get it done! God is still calling... but are people listening?

"In His Grip"

Bro. Jonathan Smith
Isaiah 41:13

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Will you send? Will you go? Or will you disobey?