



THE DICKENS FAMILY TO BRAZIL

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Dear Praying Saints,

We have just finished our first month of deputation and already we can say like the Psalmist, **"My soul shall make her boast in the LORD!"** When we returned from our trip to Brasil, we realized just exactly what it means to have a burden! We experienced so many things while we were there, and we hope that we have the opportunity to share them with all of you. We continue to communicate with Bro. Nash, the missionary we will work with, and every time we read his email our hearts are excited as we anticipate our return, however at this time we will work to raise the support we will need to return and encourage pastors and churches as they fulfill the Great Commission.

We had the opportunity to be in four churches, and we were treated royally at each one. These churches went out of their way to bless us. Our prayer is that each one was challenged for missions. Our God is so good to allow us to have a part in this ministry, but our mighty God has also provided us with our second supporting church. Our first is our home church Roanoke Island Baptist Church (the greatest group of believers on earth), they have done so much for us including help get us to Brasil for our trip. Our second is a church that we have known since college and performed in while on the drama team. Midway Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, has begun to support us and we thank God for their ministry. God has also seen fit to begin filling up our schedule with meetings and mission conferences, but I have considered having a phone implanted in my ear (I can imagine this would be popular with teens). All Praise to God!

The Great Physician is keeping all of us healthy, but Cynthia has been having some weakness diagnosed by the doctor as the NINE MONTH FLU! Yes, Praise God! There is going to be another Dickens. God has seen fit to bless us again. Please pray for Cynthia, Morgan, me, and our unborn child. Pray for Cynthia to have strength and protection. Pray for Morgan and me to help her any way we can. Pray that the Lord will provide us with a notebook computer with CD/RW compatibility and a video projector to function with it as this will assist us on deputation and in Brasil. Pray for our safe travel. Please pray that the Lord will provide more support so that we can finish deputation quickly. It is urgent that we return to Brasil as soon as we can, because souls hang in the balance and Christ's return is imminent.

Serving Christ for Brasil,

Joel Dickens
Ps 33:11

PS. Thank you for your love and prayers.