



THE DICKENS FAMILY TO BRAZIL

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Dear Praying Saints,

The tragedy that our nation has just experienced reminds us of the painful truth that the work that each of us choose comes with its risks and benefits. Each of the astronauts who were killed in the Columbia tragedy knew what risks were involved in their job and what exhilaration to see the planet from space. I have been reminded about the same risks associated with being a missionary and yet there is no greater excitement than to be involved in the business of bringing the gospel to lost souls.

As our deputation continues, we hear reports from Brazil about the new president and his communist tendencies. It is still too soon to tell what risks this will place on missions to Brazil, yet the blessings of deputation are abundant. God has used this past month to teach us it is His ministry and His supply. We have had two more churches take us on for support and God has begun to supply the need of the larger vehicle with a new supporting church giving us \$1100 toward the vehicle and another supporting church giving us \$1500. I never could have imagined, but is it not amazing how we are surprised when God supplies our needs when He has promised to do so. However the greatest blessing was finding out that God has used our deputation ministry to burden a young college student's heart for Brazil. God used a missionary to burden our hearts and now God has turned around and worked through us the same way. We are still praying for God to burden the hearts of others.

February shapes up to be a busy month of conferences and meetings, and the anticipation of the newest little Dickens arriving. Cynthia is uncomfortable and praying for a soon delivery. Morgan is not sure what to think other than the fact that mommie's lap has shrunk and his little unborn brother is already crowding him out. I am reminding all the pastors that I am with that this is kind of like the rapture. I don't know when it will happen, but when I get the call I am going to disappear.

Pray for Cynthia to have a healthy delivery. Pray for our support to continue to accumulate so that we can get to the field. Pray for the Vehicle Fund and consider helping out if God should place it on your heart. If He does just send it to the mission office designated Dickens Vehicle Fund. Thank you all for your continued prayer and support. How privileged we are to be involved in this cause at this time.

...Because He first loved us,

Joel Dickens

Ps. 33:11

P.S. Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support this month. We count it a privilege to be your missionaries.

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