



# THE DICKENS FAMILY TO BRAZIL

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Dear Praying Saints,

“That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it.”  
Psalm 109:27. Cynthia and I found this verse last week following a series of wonderful events in our lives. This past month has been overwhelmingly exciting. God has been so good and His hand so evident in our lives. Each of you that have been praying for us can now rejoice with us over some wonderful things.

He has finally arrived! Aydan Jeremiah Dickens was delivered by C-section at 12:22 pm, Sunday, March 2, 2003 at the Outer Banks Hospital. He tipped the scales at 10 lbs, .5 oz. Cynthia called me Sunday morning while I was in Wilmington to tell me to head home because she was having contractions. By the time I arrived our new son had arrived and God allowed it all to happen here at home and protected mom and baby from having to make a two hour trip to Norfolk. Praise God that the newest “not so little” Dickens is healthy and mom is recovering well.

We have a van! We have been praying for a minivan to supplement our Nissan Sentra and God used two of our supporting churches to provide money to purchase a vehicle and then God dropped a used Dodge Caravan in our laps at a price we could afford with enough extra to cover our tithe on the gifts, pay the taxes and tags, and pay to have the van washed and detailed. Feels great to be able to stretch out and have room left over. Praise God for churches like yours praying, caring and giving to help us get to the field.

New support continues to grow! We have been in mission conferences and meetings this past month and we are now over 25% of support. The lost souls of Brazil need to hear the Gospel and it is your prayers, support, and God’s hand of protection, provision, and guidance that is getting us closer.

When you have seen God’s hand at work you cannot help but anticipate seeing it some more. We are looking forward to a busy month of meetings while Cynthia and the baby stay home and recover. Pray for traveling mercies and safety for Cynthia and the baby. God is so wonderful to allow us to be involved in this ministry and we are privileged to have you all praying for us.

...Because He first loved us,

  
Joel Dickens

Ps 33:11

P.S. Thank you for your faithful prayers this month

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