



THE DICKENS FAMILY TO BRAZIL

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Dear Praying Saints,

Many times the lessons that are taught to us by our children can be some of the most memorable of our lives. Since Aydan has been born, Cynthia has begun traveling with me more and the hectic pace of our deputation lives has picked up. Morgan wants to do all he can to help, but he is becoming increasingly sensitive to our family being together. On several occasions our little two year old has become quite distraught at Daddy walking away from the cart at Wal-Mart to pick up an item. He wants to have both hands held, Mommy on one side and Daddy on the other. He has even cried out for Anan (Aydan) if Mommy has taken Morgan some where without Aydan. He wants our family to be together at all times. How many times have we as Christians gone about our busy lives without ever recognizing the presence of God or lack thereof because there is some sin in our lives prohibiting that fellowship. I pray that I always have a love for God's presence like the desire that my son has for the presence of his family. There are lost souls in Brazil and around the world who may never know the joy of that presence if we do not have compassion on their souls.

We begin this month with a busy travel schedule and look back over great things that God has done. We can give glory to God that we are now at 52% in our support. God has worked in the hearts of some churches to take us on for support and we praise His name! Our home church has helped us in the purchasing of a multimedia projector and our van continues to get us to our destinations comfortably. I had the privilege to lead a young man to the Lord after a meeting just after Aydan was born, and God has burdened three young people from ABBC to take a mission trip to Brazil this summer. I had the privilege to speak at the college during graduation fellowship and one of the young people told me that he believes God may be calling him to Brazil. Praise God! As we pray for laborers, God provides and answers that request.

Pray for God to use us to touch lives for missions and give us safety in travel. Pray God will continue to raise our support and expedite our departure for Brazil. We will get to spend some time with Bro. Nash this month as he finishes his furlough. God bless you all and thank you for your love and prayers.

...Because He first loved us,

Joel Dickens

Ps. 33:11

P.S. Thank you for your faithful prayers.

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