



THE DICKENS FAMILY TO BRAZIL

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Dear Praying Saints,

In our recent meetings I had the privilege to fill the pulpit at our church as we seek a pastor. The Lord led me to preach on John 10:27-28, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." As we approach Thanksgiving and look back at God's mighty power this past year, these verses remind me that we are His, the work that we are doing is His, and the churches that have supported and prayed for us are His. We thank each of you as individual believers and corporate bodies of believers for helping us get closer to the field.

We have many things to give thanks for as we continue deputation. God has increased our support to 64%. While preaching at the Christian high school I was called to preach in, the Lord called a young man to preach and he surrendered. I am going to have the privilege to baptize a lady in our church. Several people have encouraged us to stay the course as they pray for us. Our van continues to hold up to the accumulating miles. God has strengthened us all and kept us healthy apart from the occasional cold. We are constantly meeting wonderful saints like you who are thinking and praying for us.

Our family continues to be well. Aydan is now eight months and beginning to crawl and torment his older brother. Morgan is doing his best to figure out how to avoid his annoying little brother. I am realizing what my parents dealt with as my brother and I grew up and Cynthia is trying to be patient with her three little boys (me, Morgan, Aydan – no we are not expecting another baby).

Pray for our continued travels and meetings as we anticipate making plans for the field in the coming months. Pray for our church as we continue to pray about God's will for a pastor. Pray for my grandfather John Galt with his spiritual needs and health needs (heart problems). Pray for Brazil and Bro. Nash; God is abundantly blessing the ministry with souls, but there is limited space in the building and more laborers are needed. Thank you all for your prayers. This is the Lord's harvest.

...Because He first loved us,


Joel Dickens

P.S. Thank you for your continued prayers

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