



Dickens Family To Brazil

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Dear Praying Saints,

(Psalms 37:4-5) Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

These verses are found just four chapters from the verses that the Lord used to confirm His call to Brazil in our hearts. For the past five years we have been preparing to go to Brazil and this past week we were told by our home church to get the tickets bought and the visas applied for and medical supplies and get going. Praise the Lord! We are going to be applying for our visas within the next week and purchasing our tickets so that we can leave. God is "bringing it to pass." Our home church does not want us to leave, but they want to help meet the financial needs that we have so that we can go. I have often said that our home church is the greatest, but we have seen the Lord move on the hearts of His people here far beyond what we could ask or think.

The children seem to be taking it all in stride. Morgan is anxious to learn "Pork-a-cheese", Aydan continues to develop his English skills, and Daniella (now 4 months old) continues to grow and change. We are all doing well.

Thank you all for every gift you have given. We have gained new support and are building closer to 100%. We are still waiting to hear from several churches that we have been in recently. God knows just who he wants to partner with us. We have had the privilege to be in some conferences and several meetings, but recently we got to be in the church of a college friend of mine and meet his wonderful people. This young church was so refreshing to our family and we were the first missionaries the church has ever had in. What a joy to get to encourage this infant church as it begins a mission program to fulfill the Great Commission.

Please pray for us in the coming month as we apply for our visas and wait for their approval. Pray for our departure in God's time, and all the emotions that go along with this. Pray for our sanity as we pack for shipping. Pray for the continued addition of prayer and financial support.

If you would respond via email, we would like to begin sending out our newsletters by email. Before we leave, we want to develop an email newsletter list to save on postage and increase efficiency. As many of you as would like to can email us and let us know (obxmissionaries@earthlink.net). God bless each of you, and please let us know how your churches are doing and what needs you have so that we can pray for you.

...Because He first loved us,

Rev. Joel Dickens
Ps. 33:11

P.S. Thank you for your continued prayer support.