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## “Define Furlough”

I believe that if I were to conduct a survey of missionaries I would find that the vast majority would vote to change the name of this time period in the states from furlough to something more befitting. This is no complaint, as we see in Scripture that it is vitally important for a missionary to return from his work on the field to report to those churches that have invested in his life and ministry. We have been back in the states since September and so far we have driven close to 10,000 miles. The Lord has blessed us with wonderful supporting churches and 3 new supporting churches, but it has been tiring.



situation that was corrected in January, and we are praying that it has been resolved. Daniel reported that a young lady was saved at the beginning of February. The congregation has been seeing visitors on a consistent basis. The young converts that we left are growing in the Lord, and Bro. Nash is helping to oversee the work while we are away.

God has been faithful in protecting us as we have traveled. He has given us rest while we are journeying. He has allowed us to have relatively good health. He has blessed us by giving us so many wonderful friends and supporting churches who have encouraged us as we report. He has added ministry partners as He has seen fit. We certainly do not deserve to be able to be a part of this, but we praise the Lord that we get to. Furlough may not be "vacation," but it can be refreshing even while it keeps us hopping!



Our hearts are torn as we travel and think about our people and the work in Brazil, but we have experienced so many wonderful blessings as we travel and have met so many wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ. Our children have experienced new things, and traveling while seeing America through their eyes is amazing. "Furlough" has been a wonderful experience and we have thoroughly enjoyed making new friends, seeing old ones, and spending time with our family, but I have to admit that we are looking forward to our return to Brazil in July with anticipation.

The congregation in Brazil is doing well. We had a



## From Her Perspective

Cynthia Dickens



Recently, we visited a church in Fredericksburg, VA; and I was talking with some of the ladies, one of which is a hospice nurse. I'm going to recount a story that she shared, since it touched my heart. (Please, forgive me if I don't get all the details exactly right; but this is how I remember it.) :) She told about a patient that she cared for – a lady of advanced age – who spoke very little. However, one thing that the nurse consistently heard from this patient were the words "well done." She said them over and over, "Well done. Well done. Say well done." Finally, out of curiosity and willing to oblige her patient, the nurse replied, "Well done." The elderly woman perked up and looked at her caregiver. Serenely, she affirmed, "That's what I want to hear Jesus say. 'Well done.'" What a precious thought! For a Christian, there can be no sweeter words to hear after our journey on this earth is over.

Over the years, the Lord has allowed some of His faithful servants who are very dear to my heart to join Him in Glory. My heart aches for the loss of their presence here on earth; but oh, how true it is that with each addition to the ranks of those in Heaven who have done well, Heaven gets so much sweeter. May our lives here on earth be such that one day our Christ will look upon us, too, and be able to say,

**“Well done.”**

## Special Prayer Requests

- TRAVELING MERCIES
- NEW SUPPORTING CHURCHES
- DANIEL AND THE CONGREGATION IN BELO JARDIM
- LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST FIELD

## Those Little Dickens!



One morning around the time of my birthday, the kids were speculating about Mommy's age. To my great amazement, when Joel asked how old they thought I was, Aydan said, "I think thousands of years old," and then pensively added, "or at least 63." :-O

Upon our kids' first visit to a highway rest area, Aydan enquired, "What do you do at a rest area?" Abigail answered logically, "Rest!"

