

THE DUARTE FAMILY

THIRD GENERATION MISSIONARIES



Dear Prayer Partners,

February 24, 2020

Our hearts are full and overflowing from yesterday as our sending church, Maranatha Baptist commissioned us for the work God has called us to in Brazil. Our pastor and church family showered us with so much love and prayer. **Pastor Jim Davidson challenged us to “earnestly content for the faith” and remain faithful to the ministry God has ahead for us.** He also admonished our church to “hold the ropes” in praying for us, communicating with us, and supporting us.

We are thankful to have a strong church family sending us out. We are thankful for each of the churches that have chosen to partner in our ministry. We are thankful for the group of pastors all across the East Coast who stand behind us as we go. **We are humbled by God’s provision of each one of you. You make up an army of Christians who are invested in our lives.**

As I (Jed) write this letter, my original plan was to be heading with my family to the airport in a couple of hours and then flying to Brazil later this evening. Saturday night, as I looked through all my family’s paper work, **I realized there was a necessary document both Gloria and I had overlooked to obtain for our daughter, Eliana.** Though it wasn’t in our plans to have this small delay, **we are confident God allowed this to happen and know He is in full control. I was able to change our tickets to March 17th, 2020.** I believe those three weeks will grant sufficient time to receive Eliana’s required documents.

My Pastor had asked me to preach Sunday morning and the message I shared was entitled “Out of the Way” from John 4 on the story of the woman at the well. Christ intentionally went out of his way and went through the route of Samaria in order to reach a woman there who needed to be saved (Jn.4:). He tore down any racial prejudice to reach the Samaritans with the Gospel. **We must follow our Lord’s example by seeing every soul though the eyes of Jesus regardless of their ethnic background, religion, color of skin, current sinful lifestyle, or social status. May each of us personally beg God to give us tears for the lost and a heart full of compassion to reach them with His saving Gospel!**

Your Missionaries to Brazil,

Jed, Gloria, and Eliana Duarte

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Praises:

- Jed received all IFR flight requirements
- Tickets changed
- Wonderful commissioning service

Prayer Request:

- Eliana’s needed document to be obtained soon
- Transition of moving to Brazil to go smoothly
- God would supernaturally be preparing hearts in Alta Floresta to receive the Gospel



