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Dear Praying Friends,

We are thankful today as we rest at home after the past two months on the road. We are taking this week to rest and repack for the next few months of travel. Since our last letter we have been blessed with four more supporters. What a blessing it has been to see the LORD steadily bring in the needed support as well as provide for our needs while on the road. Rather than having monetary debts from travel expenses, we are indebted to our gracious Lord Who has provided much more than just our daily needs. May we always remember that everything we have or need belongs to Him Who Alone is Faithful and Worthy of praise.

During the months of June and July we worked our way from home (Shelby, NC) down to Ocala, FL, and then over to the Midwest. Our travel out to the Midwest brought much more than new sights and adventures. We were greatly impressed with the need for church planters right here in our own country. The farther west you go, the more you see the dearth of Gospel preaching churches! Truly the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few. Although God has called us to Brazil, we are burdened with the need of more laborers at home as well as abroad. We were blessed to present our ministries in a couple churches in Nebraska and Kansas that had just recently been planted. How exciting it was to see God at work calling out a people for His Name in these places! The Lord also blessed us with a few days of excellent preaching and fellowship with other missionaries as we attended the "Family Fellowship Week" with our mission board in Ocala, FL. It was a blessing to talk with many veteran missionaries and glean from them the things that God has taught them over the years.

Although we are thankful for the new support and provision of God, we realize that there is still much work to be done. Many are the hours of phone calls, correspondence, and travel to come. Please continue to pray with us that God will burden the hearts of His people for the work to which He has called us. We desire to get to Brazil in God's timing and trust Him to bring in the needed support, yet we must not sit idly by and expect God to bless our lack of effort. Would you pray that God would give us the strength to continue corresponding and traveling, wisdom to know which meetings to accept, and power from on High as we preach and share our burden for Brazil. We appreciate each one of you that has prayed or given financially that we may continue on in this work. Please pray that many others would join in this effort as well.

With Grateful Hearts,

Jeremy and Esther Lockhart