

# The Lockhart Family

## MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

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### Language Improvement

We have officially completed nine weeks of language school! At times it has seemed we were not learning fast enough, but we can look back and see just how much language we have picked up. Just a few days ago, Jeremy was able to negotiate and buy a kitchen table for us. That would have never happened nine weeks ago! We are able to get along relatively well during our day to day life now without too much help! On the other hand we are very grateful to have the Duarte family here to help us through many of the unknowns and translate when needed. Although we have learned much Portuguese we still have a very long way to go! It is one thing to make it through day to day life with limited language skills, but it is quite another to be able to think, reason, and explain the Scriptures in Portuguese to a lost man! Please pray with us that God would give us a major breakthrough in our understanding these next nine weeks of school! We very much desire to be able to communicate the Scriptures in Portuguese!



### Health Struggles

During the month of April we had to temporarily set aside our language school as Esther's Chronic Ulcerative Colitis flared up. For a couple weeks she was so weak that she could barely get out of bed. At first she ended up in a local clinic with an IV to hydrate her, but after things got worse we went to a gastroenterologist. The Lord gave much strength during the time when she was at her worst and graciously brought her back to her feet again. Although Esther has gained some strength back, her colitis still has not gone into remission. She has had many ups and downs, and presently she is quite weak again. Actually, as this is being written she is back in the local hospital with a hydration IV in her arm. Due to her weakness and hospitalization we are taking more time off of language school. As you can imagine, with three young children, this can be quite a struggle at times. At first it seemed that the time off was a setback to our progress. However, God knew all of this would happen and sees it not as a setback, but as a time to comfort and draw us closer to Himself. We are grateful for His love and tender care over His children! Would you please pray with us that Esther's colitis would go completely into remission, and that God would bring her to full strength again?!



### Opened Doors

Throughout the midst of our settling in, culture and language adaptation, and health struggles God has seen fit to bring different people across our path with whom we were to preach Christ. In our city there are many Mormon "missionaries." Actually, there are 30 of them, and many are from the U.S. and speak English. One of these missionaries lives in our neighborhood of about 40,000 people. Not being able to witness well in Portuguese yet, Jeremy asked the Lord for an opportunity to witness to this young Mormon man in English. Several days later, the Lord answered that prayer and brought the young Mormon man to our doorstep. He wasn't your typical Mormon missionary either. For almost 30 minutes He allowed Jeremy to challenge Him with the true Gospel, and left seemingly under conviction. God has opened up the door for us to witness to other young Mormon missionaries as well! We pray God will open the blinded eyes of these young Mormon men that they may see the truth and be saved. Also, during one of Esther's doctor visits, we were privileged to meet a lady who is a lawyer and also in charge of the homeless / troubled kids of our neighborhood. She has left an open invitation for us to tour their facilities and talk concerning our possible future work with these children. On and on the opportunities could go! Truly there is a need here for believers to be disciplined and trained to reach their own people. There could never be enough missionaries to do the work that God desires His Brazilian children to do! God is good to continually lead us step by step during this transition phase of our life, and we are thankful for the privilege of being His witnesses! Please pray for us as a family that we will stay close to God and walk in the Spirit so as not to miss a single divine appointment to share the Gospel with the lost! Thanks so much to each of you who have labored to give to help reach these precious souls! We are truly grateful to you! --Jeremy and Esther Lockhart



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