# The Lockhart Family

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### Language and Health Improvement

When we wrote the last prayer letter Esther was just getting back into language school after some time in the hospital. She has seen great improvement over these last couple months. Although we won't be satisfied with the extent of our Portuguese knowledge any time soon, we are very pleased with our progress thus far. We actually feel comfortable driving to town to buy groceries and dealing with others in their own language. The Lord has opened many opportunities to witness to others of our Savior, and at the same time used these times of witnessing to keep us motivated to learn the language better. There is nothing

more motivating to learning the language than walking away from witnessing to someone in Portuguese and wondering if they really got what you were saying or if your Portuguese got in the way. Please pray that God would continue giving us understanding and a good ear to hear as we continue our studies!

## No! I'm not a Mormon

Often, the first question we are asked when starting a conversation with someone on the street is, "Are you a Mormon?" In our neighborhood, we have met many who say they have never met an American before that wasn't a Mormon. Because of being white, and not being a Mormon we have had the door opened to witness to some.



# **Pray for Renato**

Jeremy has a regular route that he walks throughout our neighborhood to practice his Portuguese and make friends with whom to witness. One of these friends is Juarez, a civil police officer who owns a meat store several blocks down the street. Jeremy has had the opportunity to go to the work place of Juarez and meet other officers



that work in our city. One of these men, named Renato, was quite interested in why we were here in Brazil; thus, he invited Jeremy and Jedediah (our trusty translator) to his house. Before we left that day, Renato said he wanted to be saved and told us he was now trusting only in Jesus Christ as his Savior rather than his Catholic saints. The next week we had Renato and his family over to our home and were able to witness to his wife as well. However, after our first few visits with Renato, we have been unable to keep regular contact to continue teaching the Scriptures. He lives over a 30 minute drive from us and doesn't seem to want to answer the phone lately, but we are praying that we would be able to regain contact with him and be able to make sure that he truly understood the Gospel that day, and if so that we we would see him grow in the Lord.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your missionaries in Brazil, Jeremy and Esther Lockhart

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