LOCKHART FAMILY Missionaries to Brazil

Dear Praying Friends,

As always, time has flown! Life is as a vapor that appears for a time and then vanishes away. Another Christmas has come and gone, and the new year is speeding by. Looking back over the past year and remembering all that God has done encourages and reminds us that we can continue to trust our faithful Creator each step of our journey here. Truly, God knows the beginning from the end, and in many ways, He has graciously allowed us to look back and see various answers as to why He has directed our lives in the way that He has. We are delighted that God has brought us here to Brazil. We are enjoying our language study, and we are thrilled to see God enabling us to teach and preach more effectively in the Portuguese language as each week passes. Many thanks to each of you who have worked and given to support and keep us here.

Jeremy continues to teach a Bible study each week with some young people in the church. He and Esther are teaching a Sunday school class for the next ten weeks comprised of 6-11 year olds, and recently, Jeremy started to do another weekly Bible study with another young man in the church. Later this month, camp will begin, and Jeremy will be teaching a group of young teenage boys. Each of these opportunities helps us to develop our understanding of the culture and the spiritual needs of the people here. We are thankful that God has added things to our ministry and lives as He sees fit!

On the home front, all is well. Esther's health is better and has been for a few months. The children are all growing quickly! We recently had family pictures taken at a nice restaurant just outside of town by our coworker, Omar Schrock. If you are interested in seeing them, Esther has added them to our blog. The internet address is: www.lockhartlifeinbrazil.blogspot.com. Allie and Bethany recently had birthdays and are 6 and 4 years old respectively. Judah is now 2 years old!

Please pray with us as we continue to pray about and prepare for the next step in our ministry here in Brazil. Jeremy and our co-worker, Omar Schrock, get together every week to pray and seek guidance as to where God would have us begin our first church. This is still a good ways out, and unless God directs otherwise, we intend to wait on our co-workers to finish their language study before starting a work. In the meantime, we continue to take language classes, do Bible studies, spend time with the Brazilian people to increase our understanding of their culture and needs, and to write and prepare Bible studies and messages for our future work. We rejoice in God's goodness and provision and are delighted to have the joy and contentment that comes by fulfilling His will!

As always, thank you to each of you for your faithful prayers and support!

Gratefully,

Jeremy and Esther Lockhart

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Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think... Eph. 3:20



Jeremy, Esther, Allie, Bethany, Judah