Lockhart Prayer Letter June 2012

LOCKHART FAMILY

Missionaries to Brazil

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you to each of you for your prayers and support as we continue to serve the Lord here in Brazil. Your prayers and notes of encouragement always serve to lift our spirits and encourage our hearts.

Church Happenings. For about 2 ½ weeks, Jeremy was able to take care of the church while the Duartes were traveling. This was a much needed and enjoyed opportunity. Esther was able to give her first devotional in Portuguese during a ladies' meeting. Her Portuguese has come a long way, and she is encouraged by the progress. Jeremy also continues to teach his Sunday school class as well as hold a weekly Bible study with some of the teenagers. It has been encouraging to see little steps of growth in both of these.

Camps and Retreats. About an hour from town, out in the countryside of Brazil, another missionary has a camp. We were privileged to take a group of church kids again this year. Jeremy and Omar ran the game time and oversaw various competitions. Camp is always a great time to get kids away from their bad home environment, video games, TVs, and other distractions of life. Many children from the various churches made decisions for Christ, and for that we are glad!

Sickness. The Lockhart home has seen much sickness these past two months. At one point, everyone in the house was sick at the same time, each needing the other to care for him. Most of us got better, but Judah couldn't seem to get through it. After some scary nights where he could hardly breathe, we got him to the doctor and found that he had pneumonia. He seemed to be doing much better after a couple weeks, but now is having breathing problems again. Please pray for his healing.

After Esther scratched her eye with a contact lens, bacteria entered into the eye causing an ulcer in her cornea. She was in much pain for several days before we were able to get it treated. We have seen the eye doctor every day for a week now, and the treatment seems to be taking good effect. As of now, the doctor said the ulcer is closing up very well. She had lost basically all vision in that eye – she could only see light and dark. However, God is answering prayer, her eye is healing, and, little by little, her vision is returning to that eye. We were told that after healing she would have a scar on her cornea along with a cloudy spot. Please pray with us that this spot will be minimal or non-existent.

School. In the midst of the busyness, we continue to study the language. Our six year old, Allie, was able to start language school this past month. She is doing well, and we are thankful that she is getting this opportunity to learn correct grammar rather than just picking it up on the streets.

As always, we owe a big thank you to each of you, our supporters, for praying and giving to keep us here. We appreciate your hard work and sacrifices, especially now in the midst of these tough economic times.

Gratefully,

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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,