



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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Dear Praying Partners,

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Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that this year is already coming to an end, it seems like just yesterday that I was quitting my job and starting full-time deputation and not almost nine months ago. As Thanksgiving Day approaches, I can look back over this year and have much to be thankful for. The Lord has given me the privilege of being in about 40 different churches so far with several of them taking me on for support which has brought my support to about twelve percent. Also, I thank Him for providing me with a nice, reliable vehicle that has not had any issues over the many thousands of miles.

RECENT EVENTS

Back in late September I had the opportunity to be in a missions conference at Clear Fork Baptist Church in Albany, Kentucky, and while there met evangelist Paul Pritchard who grew up as a missionary in Brazil. It was a blessing to talk with him about life in Brazil and to realize how much of the country is still untouched with the Gospel. In the month of October I drove close to 3,000 miles going to several different meetings in Indiana and Ohio. I also had the chance to go up to Detroit, Michigan, and visit a couple of days with my Grandma Smothers who I have not seen for about 11 years. Though I am not partial to cold weather I did have a great time and enjoyed seeing the fall colors.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

With the holiday season things are a bit slow, but I do have one meeting the first Sunday in December with a church about an hour away from home. Starting next year I have another meeting in Pensacola, Florida on the third of January and then will be going up to Wilson, North Carolina, for a missions conference the fourth through the eighth.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Though I have not been able to talk much with Bro. Dickens lately, with both of us being busy, things are still going well in the church. He did have a great time up in the Amazon in October and then had graduation for three of the seminary classes that he teaches. With the school year coming to an end in December they have not been able to get into the other school like I mentioned in my last letter, but he may have an opportunity to preach at the graduation ceremony of one of the schools that a young man in the church attends. One very important thing they ask prayer for is rain. It is just beginning their summer and they are already on a strict water rationing, only getting water from the city five days out of the month.

Yours for the souls of Brazil,
Joel Smothers.

Prayer Praises:
New Supporters
Safety on the road
Meetings attended

Prayer Needs:
Meetings to fill 2016 schedule
Open doors for witnessing
Safe driving
Rain in Brazil



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