



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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Dear Praying Partners,

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2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Driving alone for many long hours gives me much opportunity to ponder the Word of God. This verse in particular has been on my mind for the past few weeks as it is one of the key verses for a message the Lord has been giving me. We are in a daily warfare between good and evil, but no matter how strong those things may be that "so easily beset us" God is mighty to pull them down if we will yield ourselves to Him and ask Him. We must also put on the whole armour of God to protect ourselves from the attacks of the wicked.

RECENT EVENTS

I started this year off with a meeting in Pensacola, Florida followed by an all night drive to Wilson, North Carolina for a week long missions conference. It was a great week of meetings with excellent messages from Dr. Danny Whetstone. One of the other missionaries in attendance just happened to be from Brazil where they have been serving the Lord for twenty some years. It was a joy to meet the James Allen family and spend some time with them and sharing our burden for the Brazilian people. I then drove to the coast for a couple of meetings the next Sunday. On Monday morning it was a privilege to preach the chapel service for the school of Grace Baptist Church in Newport, North Carolina where Bro. Clyde Eborn is pastor. The next Sunday morning I was in Emporia, Virginia where I encountered about three inches of snow. I was thankful to be able to get out before the really heavy snow came that week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

As of right now the next meeting I have scheduled is March 4 in Ocoee, Florida. I am trying to set up as many other meetings in the area as possible around that time. If you could, please pray that the Lord opens doors for me to schedule as many as I can. Also, I am seriously considering the possibility of trying to schedule a series of meetings on the west coast as I have had several recommendations to do so. This would be a very long way to drive and I would need at least a couple of months of meetings to make it worth it, so please pray that the Lord would give me wisdom as whether I should try this or not.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The last time I spoke with Bro. Dickens was on Christmas, but everything was still going well and they have also had some rain, so thank you for your prayers. Please be in prayer for them as they make plans to come to the States for furlough in June of this year. Also, pray for the church as they will need the men to step up in maintaining the church while the Dickens are away.

Prayer Praises:

Rain in Brazil

Meetings attended

Safety on road especially in snow

Prayer Needs:

Dickens' furlough

Temple Baptist Church(in Brazil)

Wisdom and open doors in scheduling meetings

Yours for the souls of Brazil,
Joel Smothers.



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