



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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*missionary to*  
**BELO JARDIM, BRAZIL**

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Dear Praying partners,

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**Ec 3:1** To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: For many years this has always been a favorite verse of mine in that we can trust that God has a reason for everything that takes place in our lives. I was somewhat discouraged by not having any meetings in all of February, but the Lord had other plans. As often happens this verse then leads to **Pr 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. When things happen and we don't understand why we can look to Him and get understanding.

## RECENT EVENTS

With not having any meetings in February I was able to schedule a dentist appointment to have my teeth checked since it has been about 8 years from the last time I have been to the dentist. After consultation and x-rays the dentist found four cavaties that were in need of filling and I was able to take care of them right away. I also had the priviledge of preaching two Wednesday services for a pastor friend in Pensacola and being able to be at my home church's missions conference. While not only making many phone calls during this time, I was also able to help my mom with some remodeling of the house. What I didn't know at the time was that once I left Milton on March 4th I will not be returning home again for the next few months. So it was good that I could be there to help my parents with some of their projects and get my teeth taken care of. After being in Orlando on the 6th, I then made my way up to Orangeburg, SC where I had a meeting that Sunday evening with Gospel Hill Baptist Church and stayed in their prophet's chamber for the next couple days. From there I traveled up to Edinburg, Va to stay at Valley Baptist Church where I had a meeting this past Sunday.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

This Wednesday through Sunday I will be in a missions conference at Heritage Baptist Church in Culpeper, Va and will then travel back here to Edinburg to stay at Valley for the next couple weeks as I have some more meetings in various churches around the area. In April I will be traveling back down to East Coast of Florida for two meetings and will then be back in South Carolina and North Carolina for the rest of the month. Praise God my schedule is really beginning to fill up!

## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

As the summer comes to a close, the Dickens are still in need of rain. Although blessed with several rainy days, unfortunately their normal water supply continues to be limited. With the schools starting again they have been granted permission to go back to the ones they had been in before and also have the opportunity to go into another one that were not in last year. Praise the Lord for opportunities to preach to the next generation of Brazilians! What a difference this could make in the lives of many of these children. Thank you for all your prayers for my deputation and the church in Brazil.

Yours for the souls of Brazil,  
Joel Smothers

### Prayer Praises:

God's perfect timing  
Schedule filling up  
Opportunities in schools

### Prayer Needs:

Safety while traveling  
Fill in remaining open dates  
Good year of rain in Brazil



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