



PLEASE PRAY FOR

# JOEL SMOTHERS

*missionary to*  
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Dear Praying Partners,

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Ps 135:3 Praise the LORD; for the LORD *is* good: sing praises unto his name; for *it is* pleasant. What a blessing it is to be able to sing praises to the Lord. I can praise Him for the past two months that have been very good for me. In one of the meetings in South Florida, it was a joy to see a lady and her son come to know Christ as their Savior. Also, I have received three new monthly supporters which has raised my support to just over thirteen percent. And, of course, I must mention the amazing blessing of being able to visit Noel in Puerto Rico!!!!!!

## RECENT EVENTS

In these past two months I have driven several thousands of miles across seven states taking part in three mission conferences and in several other single service meetings. It was a great blessing to be with Heritage Baptist Church of Culpeper, VA. for their week of mission conference in mid-March and to have them take me on for support. After spending the next couple of weeks in Virginia in various churches, I made my way back down to Florida where I had two meetings along the East Coast. In mid-April I was very pleased to be able to go and visit Noel in Puerto Rico and be able to preach the Friday chapel service at the college and present the ministry in two churches on Sunday. The time with Noel went very well and we were overjoyed to be able to spend time together in person even though it was just four days. Upon returning to the States I drove from Orlando to Manteo, NC, which is on Roanoke Island where I had the privilege to be a part of the Dickens' sending church's missions conference. On May 3rd I was in Auburn, AL, to see my sister graduate with her doctor of veterinary medicine and returned home next day. I spent the next week and a half with my family here in Florida while my Grandmother was visiting.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

I will be spending the majority of the summer in Greenville, SC, as that is where Noel will be staying for her summer vacation. My next meeting is May 29th in Lancaster, SC, with Douglas Road Baptist Church. I will then be in a mission conference in Kinston, NC, with New Testament Baptist Church June 4-8. Later, June 20-24, I will once again be in Edinburg, VA, for my mission board's annual family fellowship week.

## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Praise the Lord for another soul saved! In early April, Brother Dickens called and asked me to be in special prayer for a lady named Gerlane. Her husband has been attending the church for some time now and they have been praying for her for a while. The Lord had been working on her heart and she had agreed to have the Dickens meet and talk with her. On April 15th she accepted Christ as her Saviour. Amen! Please be in prayer for the Dickens as they complete all the details for coming to the States this June for their furlough.

### Prayer Praises:

Souls saved  
New support  
Good meetings attended

### Prayer Needs:

Safety driving this summer  
Fall meetings to schedule  
Growth of new believers

Yours for the souls of Brazil,  
Joel Smothers.



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