



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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Dear Praying Partners,

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I would like to apologize for not getting this letter out sooner. My regular update will be coming shortly, but I would like to share some exciting news with you so that you can rejoice with me. If you remember from my last update, I had said I would be staying in Greenville, SC, to be near Noel while she was on her summer break from teaching. Well, our time together has been going very well but far too quickly. It is hard to believe that her vacation time is almost over, and she will be going back to Puerto Rico in just a couple of weeks. The important thing is that we have been able to spend much quality time together and strengthen our love for each other. The Lord has given both us and our parents the confirmation that it is His will for us to serve Him together. What I would like to let everyone know is that on June 11th...we were engaged! We are planning our wedding for June 10, 2017. I would like to explain this decision to those whom I had previously told my expected time frame for our engagement. God made it clear to me through my father's counsel that it would be wisest for me to make a verbal commitment to Noel this summer rather than waiting until the end of the year since we were needing to make some definitive wedding plans before her return to Puerto Rico. Due to my financial situation, her father gave me permission to use her purity ring as a symbol of our engagement. I was able to surprise Noel, and she thrilled me by saying yes!



I would greatly appreciate your prayers for both of us as we try to finalize some basic plans for the wedding before her departure on August 10th. Pray that God will give us grace to trust Him through the next ten months as we continue to serve Him where He has placed us. Noel had already made a commitment to serving at Puerto Rico Baptist College through May 2017 before our relationship progressed to a serious level. Both of us believe that it is best for her to fulfill her word and responsibilities at PRBC this coming year as the student supervisor and speech teacher. Please pray for her as she returns to serve both her students at PRBC and her church in San Juan.

Please pray for me as I continue seeking meetings to present my burden for Brazil. One urgent prayer request is my current support level. I am grateful for those who have supported me faithfully through my deputation journey so far. However, in order to be able to fulfill my biblical responsibility as provider for my family, my support needs to increase at least twenty percent before our wedding. I am very thankful for the fact that Noel shares my burden to reach Brazilians with the Gospel. Pray that churches would catch our vision for Brazil and partner with us to see the lost come to Christ.

As mentioned above, I will be sending out a more detailed update soon. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. May God bless you!

Yours for the souls of Brazil,
Joel Smothers



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