



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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Dear Praying Partners,

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Psalms 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Sometimes it will amaze us what God will do when we commit our way unto Him. Early in my deputation travels, I had many people encourage me to look into making a trip out West for meetings. While I was not opposed to the idea, my concern was that I would need to have enough meetings to make it worth my time and the long drive. Recently, my sister moved to Mt. Pleasant, UT to begin her veterinary practice. She found a good church there and began attending and in the process told her pastor about me being on deputation. As a result, he told her to have me call him about being in their missions conference and also put me in contact with several other pastors that have been able to schedule me, giving me a full schedule of meetings out here.

RECENT EVENTS

First, let me say that I am sorry I have not gotten this update out sooner. After, Noel left for Puerto Rico I had a couple of meetings in North Carolina and then returned home to catch up on some things there before heading out west. I left on Wednesday, September 21 to go to Monroe, NC where I had a meeting that evening. I then was able to get an impromptu meeting with a friend of Bro. O'Malley's in Atoka, TN on Sunday. The next three days I drove across Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado and finally made it Moab, UT where I had a meeting that Wednesday evening. So, in just a week's time I drove close to 3,000 miles. That was a long trip!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

On Monday, I drove another 12 hours to Yakima, WA to attend a pastors/missions conference where I will have the opportunity to meet many other pastors from the surrounding states. Hopefully, I will have the chance to schedule some meetings out here again for next year. During October and November, I will be traveling throughout Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming presenting the ministry. Please pray for safety as I drive many hundreds of miles during this time, especially with the coming of winter and snow. In December, I will be flying to southern Brazil where Noel's parents are serving as missionaries. Noel will be on Christmas break and we are looking forward to spending our first Christmas season together.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The Dickens have been enjoying their time on furlough and have been able to catch up with their many friends here in the states. The church is still doing well, though they are in much need of water. They are entering their fifth year of drought, which has severely depleted their water supply. Having water shipped in is getting increasingly expensive since they are having to bring it in from farther away. Please continue to pray for Raphael as he maintains the leadership of the church while Bro. Dickens is away.

NOEL

Noel made it back to Puerto Rico on August 10, and has hit the ground running. This year she is teaching a speech class in Spanish three days a week as well as a volunteer English class on Fridays. Along with her teaching duties, she has other responsibilities as student supervisor, such as shopping and cooking each week. As always, we are eagerly waiting as June 10 gets closer each day. Just 248 days to go!

Yours for the souls of Brazil,
Joel Smothers.

PRAYER PRAISES:

Noel's safe return to PR
Safety while driving
God's provision

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Good presentation in churches
Rain in Brazil
Raphael's leadership



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