



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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Dear Praying Partners,

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Proverbs 3:5,6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. I am very thankful for the Lord's direction in my life. As this year comes to a close, I can look back and see His mighty hand in all that has taken place in my life. When this year began, I did not expect to take a trip to Puerto Rico or have two months of meetings out West, and certainly did not expect to be engaged this summer and go to Brazil to spend Christmas with Noel and her family.

RECENT EVENTS

All the meetings have gone well out here and it has been a blessing to meet many new people. It is amazing just how different it is out west compared to back east. I am used to seeing churches everywhere but out here they are few and far between. I have really enjoyed seeing the different scenery out here and have been able to visit some of the national parks like the Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore, and Arches. It has also been a blessing to spend time with my sister while I have been out here.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Right now the next meetings I have will be towards the end of January. I will be flying out from Salt Lake City on Tuesday and will arrive in Brazil Wednesday morning. I will spend the rest of December there with Noel and her family. Once I return to the States in early January I will head back east. Please pray that I will be able to continue making phone calls while in Brazil as I still need to fill up my schedule for next year. Also, pray that I will have a safe trip back east and not get snowed in out here or have any trouble on the highways.

NOEL

Noel's students finished the school year well and she is now in Brazil with her parents. She had to leave the college early to be able to enter Brazil under her residency as it expired the fourth of December. Please pray that she will be able to renew it while on this trip. The earliest she was able to get an appointment to do so is for January 2nd, the day before she leaves to return to Puerto Rico. This will be an important matter in helping us get to the field with much less difficulty than going through the process of getting a ministry visa and then applying for residency once there. 187 days until wedding day June 10, 2017.

Thank you for all the prayer and financial support this year. May the Lord bless you all. Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

Yours for the souls of Brazil,
Joel Smothers.

Prayer Praises:

Safety traveling
Good meetings

Prayer Requests:

Safety in Brazil
Noel's visa renewal



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