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Dear Praying Partners,

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1 Thessalonians 5:17 "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I recently had the opportunity to teach a teen Wednesday night class and one of my favorite lessons to teach to teens when I get the chance is on the will of God, this being one of the key verses. It is important for us to remember to give thanks to God not only when things are going well but also when things are difficult. Though there have been a couple of bumps here and there the past two months have been very good for me and I thank the Lord for His wonderful provision in my travels.

RECENT EVENTS

The last Sunday of February I had a meeting in Waldorf, Md. with Bro. Dickens' father's church. The Dickens were also there to spend the week and invited me to stay with them and enjoy a good week of fellowship. During that time, I had the chance to spend a day in our nation's capital and enjoy the sights. That weekend I then took an unexpected trip to Ontario, Canada. I originally did not have any meetings scheduled for that week, but received a message from Dr. Danny Whetstone asking if I was close enough to make the trip as the pastor had all his scheduled missionaries cancel at the last moment. I was grateful to have my passport on hand and be able to accept the invite. The rest of March I was in Maryland and Virginia in various meetings.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

I will be in Virginia through the end of April closing it out with a missions conference in Hampton, Va. I have not scheduled any further meetings for May or June as it will be very busy with wedding preparations. I will be heading back to Florida the first of May to get some things taken care of at home for a week or two and then will go up to Greenville, SC where the wedding will be to begin preparations there. As of right now, our first meeting following the wedding will be July 30th.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The Dickens have had a very productive and enjoyable furlough and are looking forward to returning to Brazil the 25th of this month. The church has done very well in their absence but are anxiously awaiting their return. Please pray for the Dickens as they travel and resettle in their home in Brazil. Also, pray for the church to continue to grow and that souls would be saved.

NOEL

Noel is staying very busy with teaching, church and college ministries, and, of course, wedding planning long distance. Pray for her as she finishes her teaching that she has put so much effort into this past year. She will be flying home May 10th. Please pray for her as it will be a difficult time for her to say goodbye to everyone there at the college and church that she has called home for the past three years. Just under two months to go! Please pray that everything would come together well and for the safety of everyone that will be traveling in for the wedding.

Thank you for the continued support and promised new support that brings us to just over 26 percent! Also, we have a new video presentation. You can find it on youtube by searching: Joel and Noel to Brazil. We also have new prayer cards and will be getting them out to all supporting churches soon.

Yours for the souls of Brazil,
Joel Smothers.



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