



THE *Smothers* FAMILY

CHURCH PLANTING IN BELO JARDIM
AND PESQUEIRA, BRAZIL

Dear Prayer Partners,

December 29, 2021

Merry Christmas and a happy new year! We hope that this year had been filled with blessings and God's working in all your lives. We have had some ups and downs this year for sure, but God has proven Himself to be mighty and has given grace in every situation. We still have much to be thankful for and are looking forward to see what He has in store for us this next year.

In our last letter I failed to mention an important prayer request that has since turned into a major nightmare. Many of you may have seen our prayer requests and updates on Facebook regarding Joel's visa. His two year ministry visa was set to expire on the 18th of November. We planned to go in to the Federal Police to renew it in early September and due to other circumstances were not able to go in until the very end of the month. The significance of this is that what we thought was going to be a fairly simple, straightforward process has turned into a very complicated and frustrating one. After talking with several other missionaries in country and being in contact with a lawyer over the last three months, we are still in process without any surety that it will be approved and allow Joel to stay in country. Our first process attempt was not approved and so we are needing to do a longer and more difficult process, but one that has a higher rate of acceptance. Our lawyer assures us that there should not be any issue with Joel being here on the expired visa as long as we are actively working on the process. So, our simple request is that God works on our behalf and we can get the necessary paperwork done and that his visa will be approved quickly. I apologize for not getting this in the last letter for everyone to be praying about, I honestly did not realize I forgot to add it as a prayer request until I started writing this letter.

In November, we found out that we are having another boy. We are so thankful for this new life that God has given us. Noel and baby are doing well and we thank you for your prayers. Noel is having to regulate her blood sugar through her diet, so we ask your prayers for her to manage it without medication.

Prayer Praises:

God's blessings
Healthy baby

Prayer Requests:

Joel's visa
Noel's diet/ blood sugar

Yours for the souls of Brazil,
Joel, Noel, Gabriel and Baby Smothers



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