



Joel, Samuel, Gabriel & Noel

The *Smothers* family Church planting in Teresina, Brasil

August 25, 2022

Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings from hot and muggy Teresina, Brasil. As we adjust to the changes of weather in our new city, it is interesting to experience what everyone told us would be extreme heat. Technically we have passed through the winter, rainy season and have entered spring, I believe our lowest temperature was in the high 60s to low 70s. Cold? Absolutely! Compared to high 90s most of the time, 20+ degrees makes a huge difference. Our real test will be our first summer, coming in the next four months which are said to stay over the 100 degree mark most of the time.

We finally have some wonderful news to share! Following the advice of our lawyer, we submitted a form to appeal the legitimacy of the fine that the Federal Police were trying to issue for the change of visa request based on the fact that we are here charitably and have been in process for the renewal for eight months. Long story short, when we were asked to go back in to the office to speak with the agent directly, she was out sick and the substitute agent agreed with our position and processed our request on the spot. The Lord truly worked in this and Joel is officially a permanent resident. This is a huge relief for us to finally have resolved! Thank you to all who prayed for this.



Regarding Samuel's documents, we were made aware that it was first necessary for Joel's visa/residency status to be resolved before going to the consulate in Recife. As a result, our plans of making this trip had to be put on hold. We are also still in need of someone to take care of things here while away before we can make definitive plans for this trip.

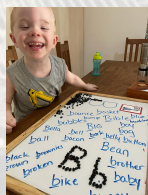
One of our highlights for June and July was having Noel's sister, Nikayla, come for her summer internship. She is in her final year at Ambassador Baptist College. Her time here was well spent in folding, labeling and passing out tracts and meeting with contacts, as well as helping with daily life around the house. We were blessed to have her with us and hope that her time here was helpful in her development as a missions student.



We have been able to meet with our contacts and have had some good conversations with them about the Gospel but they are still hesitant to commit to any regular Bible study or make a decision concerning Christ. Please continue to pray for these individuals as we try to reach them with the Word of God. Daniel Sr., Ivoneide, Ylka, Lara, Jayra and Robert, Aline and Wesley, Giovanna and José.



Gabe is loving having a little brother around the house and loves to make Sam giggle. He has begun pre-k and is enjoying learning new things each day.



Sam is growing fast and has begun working on his first teeth already. He is rolling over on his own and wants to follow his big brother's every move.

Prayer Praises:

Joel's residency
Nikayla's internship

Sending Church:
Trinity Baptist Church
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Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for the Lord's work here in Teresina.

Yours for the souls of Teresina,
The Smothers Family.

Prayer Requests:

Trip to Recife
Salvation of contacts

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