



Joel, Samuel, Gabriel & Noel

# The *Smothers* family

## Church planting in Teresina, Brasil

Dear Prayer Partners,

December 20, 2023

We were hoping to get this letter out sooner to update everyone on Joel's return to Brazil and the success of his furlough travels. It is hard to believe that he has already been back for a whole month! It has been a whirlwind of activity since his return!

The Lord greatly blessed and gave Joel a very full schedule of new meetings as well as being able to update a few supporting churches in areas where he had new churches scheduled. He traveled over 8,000 miles through 11 different states and visited 21 churches. We thank the Lord for safety and provision for all of his travels. One of the highlights was the last meeting of the trip. He was able to be in a church in Indiana that collated 15,000 John & Romans to be shipped to us to use in our outreach ministries. Please pray for the safe arrival and distribution of these Scriptures.

The house hunt has been under way since Joel's return and we are happy to have found a wonderful place. God answered our prayers and opened a place for us in a nice neighborhood and in our current budget. We will hopefully close the contract and receive the keys early next week. Please pray for us as we move and will need to have everything out and finished with this current house by February 16. Also that the boys will adapt quickly to the new place. Please note our new field address listed below.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours for the souls of Brasil,  
Joel, Noel, Gabriel and Samuel Smothers

**Prayer praises:**

Joel's furlough and return  
New house contract  
Another year of serving

**Prayer requests:**

Scripture shipment  
Move and finalization of current house  
New year and new opportunities

Thank you for your faithful prayers on our behalf. May God bless each of you and the work in your Jerusalems.

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