



Joel, Samuel, Gabriel & Noel

The *Smothers* family

Church planting in Teresina, Brasil

Dear Prayer Partners,

June 6, 2025

It's hard to believe that it is already June! This year seems to just be flying by! We appreciate your faithful prayers on our behalf as we have been able to restart our regular Bible studies since we paused for Lori's birth. It has certainly come with some challenges in scheduling but God has given grace and strength to see them happen.

We enjoyed having Noel's parents come visit for a week to meet grandchild number 18. The boys were thrilled to have them here as well. Though it was short, it was good to see them again. It was also special to celebrate Sam's 4th birthday while they were here. Our neighbor family joined us for some ice cream before their flight back to Porto Alegre.



We have not yet been able to get anymore documentation for Lori done as we need a picture of her for identification purposes. It's a challenge as it needs to be on a white background with her eyes open and face full forward without anyone holding her. We have tried a couple of times with her laying on a sheet but it has not come out clear enough for approval. Once we can get that, we will be able to move forward in getting all documentation needed for traveling.

While we have been able to establish a good friendship with our neighbors on the one side, the other side has been a little bit more challenging. The house has been remodeled to fit three separate dwellings and there have been a number of different people to move in and out since we have lived here. One of them though has been a young couple which we have had only a little contact with as they are very reserved. Recently we learned that they had a daughter of their own born just three days before Lori. We reached out to them and gave them a gift for their daughter. Please pray that we can find ways of reaching them further. They are devoted catholics. Their names are Guilherme, Magdalena and Heloisa. We were encouraged that Noel was able to reconnect with Iraci for Helena's fourth birthday last month. She has had to move several times in the past year which has complicated her ability to stay in touch with us. She is back on this side of town again and closer to us so we are prayerfully hopeful that we can maintain contact with her and that she will keep up the Bible studies with Noel.



The boys are growing and loving to spend time with Lori. She is starting to interact with them more and smile and coo at them which they really enjoy. She is also growing and putting on weight, we are thankful for a healthy baby.

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

PRAYER PRAISES:

Restart of Bible Studies
Noel's parents' visit
Meeting other neighbors
Good health, growing children

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Bible studies growth
Lori's documentation
Reaching more people
Iraci's spiritual growth



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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