

MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

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Raehl Prayer Letter - January 2016

Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout!” I Thessalonians 4:16 reminds us of the reality of that event. Perhaps this New Year will bring us all Home to Heaven. John has been preaching for several Sundays on the rapture and the troublesome times we are in.

Greetings from the heart of South America where John and Joyce Raehl are serving in Brazil. The months of December and January brought extra mail to us as John celebrated his birthday, the Christmas season came, and then Joyce had her birthday. Thank you to each of you who sent a card, e-mail, prayer, or gift. We certainly felt appreciated.

The Holidays brought several visitors to our church. Food has its way of bringing people together! Pray with us as we seek to see some families saved in the next months. Pray with us for the families of Rosangela and Marilucia. Our goal is to see these 2 mothers and their husbands accept the Lord. We have ministered to their daughters in Sunday School for several years. Pray also for Milton and Debora, a young couple who have been coming. They need to be saved.

Family Camp is early this year - February 5-10. The people in our churches are rushing to get things in place to attend camp. The rains have finally come, but that means the grass at camp needs some serious mowing! Pray as about 200 people spend 5 days studying the Word around the theme: “Building Walls” from Nehemiah.

Joyce has a special ministry. She letters song visuals for the children’s ministries in our churches. She has lost count, but since October she has made over 200 and has orders right now for 100+ more. They are done on half sheets of thick tag board. They need some art work and the words lettered in India ink. This is a work of “love” since the teachers pay just a nominal cost for the paper. Recent orders went to two different missionary ministries in the Amazon area. Pray for this unique ministry. Pray for her trusty pen and stencil guides.

Janus continues to grow stronger and make slow progress. He is now able to sit in a chair for short times. It takes several people to get him there, but it is progress. Pray for his wife, Sheila, who needs surgery soon. As his primary caregiver, this will affect his progress. They certainly need your prayers. The Araes church continues to progress under the ministry of lay preacher Orlando.

Have you heard of the Zika Virus? We are fairly certain that John had it some days ago. He was not sick enough to see a doctor, but had red eyes, a rash, and lots of body pain. All that to say that we do live in a mosquito infested land. If it is not malaria, yellow fever, or dengue fever now it is the Zika Virus! Pray for us concerning our health.

Cari and Bryan’s support level is slowly increasing. They are on God’s timetable. They would like to be in Brazil in late 2016. Pray as they prepare to sell their house this spring. This will be a true step of faith. Pray for their travels and safety.

Thank you for praying for Joyce’s twin sister, Jan Beals. She is no longer on hospice and has been able to be at home with her husband who is helping her. This is a true answer to prayer.

She is home-bound for the most part except to go to the doctor. The fact that it is winter in Minnesota gives her no desire to go out in the weather. We keep up with her by phone on MagicJack.

Thank you for your support and prayers. This ministry would not go forth except for the faithfulness of God's people.

Your for Souls in Brazil,

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