

The KOKENZIE Family

"REACHING THE WORLD THROUGH BRAZIL BY
BEARING WITNESS OF CHRIST'S SAVING POWER"



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MINISTRY

- * Evangelizing the Lost
- * Establishing Churches
- * Edifying the Converts
- * Entrusting Them to the Lord

-- Acts 14:21-23 --

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The electronic version of this prayer letter comes with additional information and pictures. You may either request your copy via e-mail or view it on our ministry site.

We also deeply appreciate your interest and correspondence. Feel welcome at anytime to share with us your questions or comments.

DEAR PRAYING PARTNERS:

On the 29th of December we will have been in Brazil exactly one year! Through your prayers and support we have seen the Lord integrate us into the culture, build our Portuguese language skills, open doors for ministry in several local churches, give us many friends, use us to lead several sinners to Christ, teach us about Brazil's unique needs (solid doctrine, literature, ministry training, godly churches) and hone our ministry direction.

Jeremy Tyler, our ministry partner, has just returned back from another trip up north. The needs are definitely great there. Thankfully, he was able to establish some contacts that will aid us when we finally arrive, and before. Please continue to pray God gives us wisdom, faith and resources for this next phase of ministry in Brazil. We would love to be there soon, but will only push for that if God clearly confirms to us that our work in São Paulo is complete. Currently, we are discussing with some of the veteran missionaries in this area how we might be able to help them to improve ministry training in this area before we head north. We definitely need God's mind in this.

We had an absolutely wonderful reprieve while my parents were here. They were such a blessing, taking in all they could, playing with the grandchildren and loving us with all their generosity. We thank the Lord that He kept them safe the entire time and wish they could have stayed longer!

I had the privilege of preaching in four different churches this November. I was pushed to my limit, especially, when I was asked to fill for Sunday school and both Sunday services. The more tired I became, the more my Portuguese sounded like I needed to go back to language school! Nevertheless, I decided to use this opportunity to develop various materials on the *Baptist Distinctives*. These are so highly important, and my research has yet to find an adequate translation in Portuguese. I am hoping that these can eventually be published, if not in print, at least through our Internet ministry.

Throughout November, I have traveled back and forth from numerous places gathering the necessary paperwork for our permanent visas. Lord willing I will be able to turn this all into the Federal Police in a day or so. If there are no problems, we will be well on our way to permanency in Brazil! Please keep praying!

Also, we are deeply encouraged by a new Monday night prayer meeting among the Independent Baptist missionary men here in São Paulo. Our first meeting was the last Monday of November. Six missionaries and one church member attended. We plan to give two hours (8-10pm) to corporate prayer every Monday night. Our great desire is that this will grow in fervency and number, and that God will give a mighty and supernatural increase!

God bless you for holding the ropes,

John, Julie, Selina, Gabriel, Elijah & Christian

"BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US"