

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
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- * Entrusting Them to the Lord

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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:

The other day a man with a police badge came to my door. He was from the *Federal Police*. (There are several different police forces in this country.) His goal was to verify I had been honest on my visa paperwork. That was good. It means our visa is being processed! Pray this process continues smoothly.

Jeremy Tyler and I continue to pray about reaching the world *through* Brazil, meaning starting indigenous churches here that have a true vision for world evangelism. This is very demanding in a country with great poverty and a very small number of independent fundamental Baptist churches. The USA has around 15,000 IFB churches for about 300 million people. Brazil has around 100-350 IFB churches for 200 million people scattered across a land mass larger than all the United States except Alaska! Imagine how this complicates things for a *Brazilian* missionary who starts deputation!

We have been encouraging one such missionary right now, who is surviving off of 35% of his support! Needless to say, financially he is dramatically slowed down. We must seek to improve situations such as this, here in Brazil, by establishing solid lines of communication. Missionaries need to be aware of churches, and churches need to be aware of missionaries. We are developing a quarterly magazine and a website to meet this need. Thankfully, God has opened doors! One of these includes an offer made to Jeremy to speak at an annual missionary conference on these very things next week. We have vigorously prepared material for this. Your prayers are *extremely appreciated*.

We do regret that due to an unknown issue, many of you have not received our prayer letters since 2010! Once discovered, the issue was resolved. All back issues are at www.BraziltotheUttermost.com.

Julie spoke to a group of ladies at *São Paulo Baptist Church*. She did a great job. Though she spoke through a translator, her Portuguese has really improved! She finishes language school April 29th.

Please continue to pray for her dad, Pastor Rick Edman. The health of his kidneys has been a roller coaster ever since he came out of the spinal meningitis and bacterial infection. We are praying for complete healing.

We had a sudden home going here at *First Baptist Church of Parque Bristol*. One of the godliest soulwinners in the church, Neuraci, died after cancer surgery. She was only 47. Glory to God, nearly 200 people attended the funeral and heard the gospel! Please pray for the salvation of many!

Also, this dear church has seen a good number of visitors lately, some which continue to come! As you pray for our soulwinning and discipleship efforts here, please mention the following names. God has given us a good measure of favor with each: Venicius, Patrícia, Vitor, Paulo, Michele, Enrique, Bruno, Adriele, Etevaldo, Rosana and Julia. Some have already trusted Christ!

Encouraged and hopeful by a God who is able,

John, Julie, Selina, Gabriel, Elijah & Christian

“BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US”