

The Tyler Family



"He is able to save them to the uttermost" Hebrews 7:25

Dear Prayer Partners,

February 2015

As I sit down to write this prayer letter, I am thinking of all that God is doing in our lives and wondering what the future holds. He already knows the future and is leading us into the path He has already chosen.

Here in Brazil, the evangelical movement (Baptist being the second largest in the group) is growing. Statistics show that Brazil will soon be more evangelical than Catholic. Our state is one of the most evangelical states and there are churches on every corner. Yet at the same time, we still have people groups in our state that have never heard the name of Jesus. How can this be? Have we missed something? How can you live 30 minutes from villages that have never heard of the Savior, spend hundreds of thousands of dollars hiring musicians and special speakers, yet never show any interest in reaching those who have never heard?

Adoniram Judson when writing to a friend said, "Let me beg you, not to rest contented with the commonplace religion that is now so prevalent." That is exactly what we see today. People are contented with religion. Yet, salvation is not through religion. Salvation is by faith in Christ Jesus! If religion gets in the way of the Gospel, there is a big problem. What we need is for people to carry the Gospel. Paul said, *"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"* We are like the lepers in II Kings 7:9 who found food abundance, yet, for a time they hid that news from a starving city. They said, *"We do not well."*

Lest we think all hope is lost, let us look at it from a different perspective. God is at work and His hand can be seen. We can be involved regardless of what others do. This month I had the privilege of participating in a meeting where the great commission is alive and well. Around 50 years ago a German missionary came to Brazil. He preached the Gospel to a somewhat remote people group. Through the years God has changed lives and I witnessed over 25 native pastors and workers come forward saying, "God has called us to preach the Gospel." Among this group there was one young man who believes God wants him to be a full time missionary to another Indian tribe.

Sitting there in the covered area used for church meetings, I looked around me and saw hundreds listening to the Word of God being preached. Some came from hundreds of miles away to participate in this meeting. They were excited and shed tears of joy when remembering the first time the Gospel came into their village over 50 years ago. Please pray that God's Word will be preached and the unreached around us would soon be reached!

While you are praying, please pray for Amanda. We are trying to finish up some dental work for her before going to the US. This will free us up some, but timing is crucial. Please pray that there are no delays.

On a slightly different note, God is answering prayers. The transition of the work here is well in progress and the Kokenzies are already caring for most everything at church. God has blessed with visitors every Sunday this year. Several have expressed interest in joining by baptism or otherwise.

We have also found a safe place to keep our belongings while we are in the US. Thank you again for praying!

Reaching the World through Brazil,

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