

The Tyler Family



Reaching the World Through Brazil... Acts 1:8

Dear Prayer Partners,

November 2016 - January 2017

Happy New Year! I pray the Lord will bless you in a great way this coming year. There is much work to be done!

So much has happened in the past few months that a simple letter could not include it all. We have been very busy in the ministry, yet there have been some great opportunities for us to spend time together as a family also.

Back in late October our family began practicing with the city orchestra. Josiah, Jonathan, Amanda and I all joined the orchestra. We hope it will be a great opportunity in this coming year to meet new people and to share the Gospel with them. In December, we had the privilege of playing at a park for the city's opening event of the Christmas season. We also played for the inauguration of a new building in town. It has been a challenge after nine years of not playing regularly. The boys are enjoying it and learning quite a bit also.

The doors at the local prison have not been opened to us. As a matter of fact, we have not even been allowed to visit. We are still praying and working with families that have relatives in the prison. Please pray the Lord will open a door for us to have a better opportunity there, if it be His will.

This year, Amanda organized our first Christmas program. The preschoolers enjoyed dressing up and entering in while the story of the birth of Christ was read. They sang a special song also after the which we had other special music and an explanation of the Gospel intermingled with the birth of Christ. Several neighbors were there visiting.

During the last week of the year, the Lord allowed death to strike our church families. Hiago, an unsaved young man who has attended our church for months lost his sister and unborn nephew in an accident. Another man who attends occasionally lost his mother suddenly. There are also a few other very serious issues we are monitoring with our missionaries and others close to us. Yet, we are looking to the Lord for the strength and wisdom as we help and encourage our church family.

We are very excited about this new year. 2017 will be different than any other year in our ministry. We plan to begin building a more accessible structure for the church in the next month or two. If all goes well, we will be able to finish building sometime in the summer (our dry season). Initially, we plan to build the auditorium and bathrooms, then finish the classrooms and nursery as we are able. This will allow us to be more visible in the community, better accommodate those who visit, and it will also give us more needed space.

Within the first few weeks of the year, we would like to make a special trip out to a very remote Indian village. The men of the church will be making this trip in order to develop a better relationship with the Indians. To our knowledge, this particular tribe has never had a missionary working with them. Please pray!

Thank you again for your faithfulness in praying for us! Many have sent us special offerings for Christmas or for some special project over the past few weeks. Thank you so much! Our family is very grateful. We have been encouraged and blessed through you!

Reaching the World through Brazil,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Tyler".

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

John 9:4

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