## The Tyler Family

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

Dear Prayer Partners, January 2018

"Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad." Proverbs 12:25

This verse is so true in many of our lives. Our life is an amusement park of emotions. Sudden drops, twists and turns, upside down, backwards, problems and scary days fill our lives. Yet, how sweet it is when the roller-coaster ride of life has you down, but a friend reaches out to you with an encouraging word. Somehow all the troubles of the world can flee away. Gladness and joy can spark in your soul again even though nothing has physically changed!

Hope, in the midst of troubled times, can be as far away as a word out of our mouth. Yes, we all need encouragement and should work at encouraging one another. Let us set out in this new year to speak good words that will make a stooped heart glad again. How about you? Will you work on being an encourager this year?

The same can be applied to the Gospel. Sin will bring a man down and cause him to stoop. Yet, the good news of salvation will set his heart free and see him rejoicing once again!

Speaking of encouragement, lately we have had some great services with lots of people. At the end of November I preached the inauguration service in São Felipe (where we have been assisting) and over 50 people were present for the service. We also had over 45 at our Christmas Eve service. Yet, many of these people are not saved.

## **Update Summary**

We are starting this year off amidst some very large projects. Church construction continues, though it has been slower through the holiday season. Our goal is to visit the Indian tribe within the next few weeks. Due to a few delays, our move was rescheduled for the end of January so we could have time to finish the work on our house.

## New News - Furlough

We have purchased tickets to take a short furlough this coming summer of 2018. We will be in the US from May 8<sup>th</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>. Summer is hardly ever a good time to visit churches, but it sure helps us on the mission field. We can take a furlough without creating major problems for the school year. Going for a short period of time also enables us to keep things active in the ministry with very little disruption while we are gone.

Our goals for this furlough are to visit some of our supporting churches, to visit several new churches, and to spend as much time as possible with our family. Most of our free dates are in June and July. This is probably a very busy time for churches, but if you would like for us to come by, please let us know. (Just write to <a href="mailto:jeremy@tylersinbrazil.com">jeremy@tylersinbrazil.com</a> or call us at 865-277-6809.) We will do our best to fit you into our schedule. We will be in Washington and Idaho in May, and in California in August. Otherwise, we will be around family in Illinois, Ohio and Tennessee unless we are invited somewhere else.

Thank you for your prayers during the past year. Many of your prayers have been answered. Please keep praying that many lives would be changed during 2018!

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