

# The Tyler Family



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

Dear Prayer Partners,

September-November 2020

As you all know, this past year has been challenging in many ways. Psalm 44 describes our feelings to a certain extent. There have been many blessings through the year, yet at the same time the past 12 months have been clearly marked with several unprecedented difficulties.

Just over a year ago, on September 14, 2019, I fell through the church roof. That single event changed the rest of my life and, in some ways, it changed the future for our family. In January, our family returned to Vilhena after four months recuperating in southern Brazil. I was still somewhat incapacitated and had to rearrange my time to fit in many hours of exercises.

In March, the pandemic hit Brazil. We were faced with very difficult decisions in regard to the church meetings, the laws that were being put into place, and the work that God has given us here. Up through August, none of the church attendees had been diagnosed with the coronavirus. However, in August, several of our people were diagnosed, admitted to the hospital and even to the ICU with this disease. Thankfully, everyone has recovered.

Now we are facing another unexpected challenge. After having prayed much about our situation and the future of the church, on September 20<sup>th</sup>, I stepped down from leadership in the church allowing our co-workers to continue the work. Many circumstances have led to this decision. This was not originally our plan and has changed the direction in which we were headed. As in Deuteronomy 8:2 we believe the Lord is leading us in the way to humble us, to prove us, and to know what is in our hearts.

My parents are still planning to move to Vilhena by December. It will be a blessing to have them nearby. Though Vilhena is still very remote and has few resources, we hope their move will allow us to be a bigger blessing to them.

It is our desire to start another church with their help. Please pray that the Lord will give us peace and direction in this matter. There are many opportunities here in Vilhena as well as in other cities. May the Lord show us exactly what He has in store for us.

Our furlough plans for next year have not changed. Though dates have not been defined, we will most likely be in the US from May to September. If you would like for us to stop by your church while we are on furlough, just send me an email to let me know. We will start working on specific dates as soon as possible. We hope to get to many of our supporting churches, especially the ones we were not able to visit in 2018.

We are grateful for your continued support and prayers which have allowed us to press on for the Lord even through the pandemic. The harvest still is plenteous, and the laborers are still few. We press on knowing that this is the desire of the Lord of the harvest.

Reaching the world through Brazil,

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

**“All this is come upon us; yet...  
our heart is not turned back.”**

Psalm 44:17-19

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