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Dear Praying Saints,

It is truly with tear filled eyes that I write this letter. God has been so good to us and we have seen His hand guiding and directing every step of the way. We boarded the plane and waved goodbye to our friends and family and as I sit on the plane preparing to close my eyes for some much needed rest, I open my Bible to read Romans 10. It is not by coincidence or chance that we are at this point in our ministry. God has been preparing us for the past five years for this. When we graduated from Bible College, we were sure that one day God would allow us to go to Brazil to be the ones to carry the gospel to lost souls. You have been the ones sending us. Your prayers are invaluable. Your generosity and kindness have been strengths for us. We are thrilled and in some ways saddened to be at this stage in the ministry. God bless each and every one who has prayed for and supported our ministry. Please, continue to intercede on our behalf.

It is Wednesday evening and we will arrive in Caruaru some time Thursday afternoon. From there we will begin language training and getting accustomed to the culture of Brazil. We will be staying with Bro. Nash, the veteran missionary that we are working with, until we move into our own house sometime next week. On April 18, Bro. Nash will leave for a few weeks as he comes home to visit his father who has been diagnosed with liver cancer. Our primary goal is learning the language and culture. I will have many opportunities to practice as I will be accompanying the missionary on visitation so that I can learn. We as a family will attend the services of the Templo Batista Calvario on a regular basis to build friendships with the people and be even more immersed in Portuguese. Our only English influence will be in our home. We pray God allows us to see His work and soon learn not only to understand the language, but be able to converse in it so that we too can effectively communicate the glorious gospel of Christ that has shined in our hearts.

Please pray for our family in language training and culture adjustment. Please pray for grace as we will be alone for some time as Bro. Nash comes home (not that any other missionaries have ever been alone in a foreign country). Please pray for Bro. Nash and his father especially as he deals with liver cancer. Please pray for our children. God bless each of you and we pray for His grace on every individual in every church that cares about our family.

...Because He first loved us,

Joel Dickens
Psalm 33:11

P.S. Thank you for your continued prayer support!