



The Smiths

Retired Missionaries from Brazil

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Dear Prayer Partners,

John 15:13 “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends”

We just celebrated Valentine’s Day with hearts full of expressions of love. God’s demonstration of his love is over-whelming and heart wrenching. **John 15:13** explains just how great the love of God is for us! He tells us we must love others as Christ loved us. The many years of service in Brazil, taught us to love more like him, and when we did, we felt God’s wonderful love and his grace in unmeasurable ways. He promises great joy as we serve him to spread his great love.

We received recently pictures and testimonies of the many ways God is working in the church in Monte Gordo, Brazil. Pastor Marcelo continues faithful in preaching God’s truths. They just had a special service to celebrate the wedding of Amanda and Everson. The next day they celebrated the baptism of Mario, Calebe, Ester, and the dedication of Luis Artur by his mother. We are overjoyed to know the church is continuing faithful for God’s glory.

On Christmas Eve, Helen’s mom was taken by ambulance to the hospital for a heart attack and fluid in her lungs. A heart catheterization was preformed and blockage was found but nothing could be done because of her many health conditions. She is improving slowly and was released and is home. Helen stayed with them for several weeks. Please pray for Helen’s mom and dad. They want to continue to live on their own at 98 and 94 but it is very difficult.

I continue to help our church Calvary Baptist in Gatesville. We are still searching for a pastor so far no lead has given any positive results. Fortunately, our attendance and offerings are still good. The missions is still holding strong because we are a strong missions church. I am sure that is the reason God is still blessing our church. Please pray for the church and our search for a future pastor.

We greatly appreciate your prayers and gifts. We know we are very blessed. We are extremely grateful for your faithfulness. We pray for God’s richest blessings on each of you.

In His Service,

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Finally, brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you;