



The Smiths

Retired Missionaries from Brazil

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Dear Prayer Partners,

“That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” Titus 3:7

We regret the lateness of this letter, but the last five months we have been busy with caring for Helen’s mom and dad. Helen’s mom was promoted to her promised hope of eternal life on April 23. She will be greatly missed by her husband of 77 years, her 3 children, and 4 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 10 great great grandchildren. She lived a long blessed life. We are very thankful for God’s promised hope of eternal life and to everyone that prayed and sent cards and messages. Helen’s dad is now our concern; he is soon to be 99, he is in fair health, and he is very independent. We all feel he should not live alone. Helen and her brother are staying with him and alternating weeks. We are able to spend some time at home. We are hoping he will decide to sell his house and come live with us. Please pray for him.

Our church in Gatesville is still searching for a pastor. I have been able to preach a few times and fortunately, another missionary has preached most of the time, He recently baptized a mom and her three children that were reached through visitation. God continues to work in our church. Please contact me through email, if you know of someone looking for a pastorate.

Our church in Monte Gordo, Brazil is continuing to go forward. Pastor Marcelo baptized recently one adult, two children, and a couple that were recently married. It fills our hearts with joy to see them to continue to reach the lost. Pastor Marcelo has a great desire to see the church accomplish great things for our LORD JESUS. There are always obstacles and discouragements in the ministry, but Pastor Marcelo has been faithful and determined to magnify Christ.

We thank each of you for the many years you have been our co-laborers. We are grateful for each prayer and each love offering. Your continued care for us humbles us. We continue to pray for revival in our churches and our nation.

To God be the glory,

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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;