



NORTHEASTERN
Brazil

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Emergency Medical Furlough

I know that this letter is out of our regular pattern, but it is important that we communicate this information as quickly as possible and ask for your prayers. As you are aware from our last letter, we were heading down to Sao Paulo to the hospital there to try and get some clarity on the health issues that Naomi has been facing.

Most of the doctors had no response, but one doctor asked us to run a series of tests checking for a new set of problems. Most of these tests were not even covered by insurance, but he thought that they may give some answers when the other tests were all coming back negative. We now know that this was of the Lord and an answer to prayer, however, that does not mean that the results were what we were hoping for.

One particular test indicated some extremely serious issues and it was necessary to take immediate action. Our pastor and BIMI both agreed with us that an emergency medical furlough was absolutely necessary, so Naomi and I flew back to the USA the following day (this past Saturday). I returned to Brazil yesterday (Wednesday) in order to arrange things for us to be gone for several months while we meet with specialists in the US in order to gain more clarity on her situation. Naomi is with her family and they will be helping to facilitate the necessary doctor's visits until I can return with the kids on the 17th.

We are praying and planning to head back to Brazil in January, but we cannot really communicate a firm date at this point. It is difficult to know how quickly things will progress with the holidays quickly approaching; we also do not know what the specialists will determine about Naomi's situation. We know that God is in complete control and He will direct the situation in a way that He sees fit. Naomi is in good spirits, but we are all saddened that the situation required such a drastic and unexpected action.

Please be in prayer for not only our family, but also our church in Brazil, and our team that will be handling things in our absence. We will communicate any information that we have as soon as possible; however, please forgive any delay as we are moving as fast as possible to get results. We are so thankful for each of your prayers.

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