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# THE EDWARDS FAMILY BRAZIL

## December 2025 Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

As we wind down the 2025 year, I thought I would give you a special update to celebrate our Wonderful Savior.

I am just a country boy from up a "holler" in West Virginia. I never had hopes of doing anything for the Lord, so I joined the Army and thought about making a career out of military service, but I also knew I wanted to preach the Gospel that burned down in my heart. I dreamed of buying a tent and setting it up out in a field somewhere and just preaching to all who wanted to listen. When God laid on my heart to come to Brazil, He switched me from those fields to the jungle down in the Amazon. Then later He graciously placed me in an area of Brazil that is full of mountains and fields that remind me of home. And it is in these mountains where I have met a fellow military (Brazilian Navy) man named William.

William has placed his faith in Christ and is currently running towards Him at a breakneck speed. He absolutely loves the Word of God and all that it is teaching him about being a Christian. He takes his commitment to God seriously, and it has been one of my true joys in the ministry to be the one God allows to disciple him.

This past Friday during our weekly discipleship course, William led my wife and I out towards a little building behind his house. It sits on a hillside and overlooks an expansive view of mountains, valleys, and fields. He stood at one end of the inside of the building where there is a long table and he said, "Look at this space from this angle. Imagine a pulpit and some benches with you standing here preaching the Word." Glory to God! This is the type of vision every missionary hopes to see out of their converts. We aim to see multiplication of those that we minister to on our respective fields, and when one grabs hold of joining us in our efforts to really reach others, it is an incredible feeling.

Thank you for sending this old country boy here to Brazil. I have seen God do miraculous things over the course of the past 27 years and I am encouraged that He is going to even more in the coming decades. Our family considers it an honor to represent you and your churches in the country of Brazil, and we absolutely desire to add more and more fruit to your accounts in 2026.

Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year. The Edwards Family praises God for each of you.

In the Service of the Savior,

  
Mark Edwards