



THE EDWARDS FAMILY BRAZIL



May 2026 Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

Our month has been spent studying the Word of God with so many people. We have stayed on the road driving back and forth to different towns where we have been welcomed into homes with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

One of the newer studies we have been leading is with a couple that had fallen by the wayside due to the fact that their Baptist church was closed several years ago. Our goal is to get them integrated with our other groups and eventually establish another church plant, but right now we are meeting with them once a week as we nurse them back to spiritual health. The husband has Parkinson's and the wife is blind. Their teenage son is not saved and I won't lie; he brings a dark spirit over the studies. Sheri and I showed up last Thursday, walked across a rickety wooden porch into their small dwelling and were warmly received by this couple, but as soon as the son entered the room, a great oppression fell over us all. Sheri sat praying as I led the study and the boy stood and returned to his room claiming his head was hurting. I believe we are dealing with principalities and powers of the enemy, and we need your prayers for God to liberate this teen so that he might be saved. If you will, please commit to praying for Nicholas.

We have also begun a new Evangelistic study with a young couple named Del and Joviana. They openly admit to not being saved, but only because they don't understand what it means, so they want us to show them from the Bible what it means to go to Heaven. Isn't that something? Del grew up with no religion, while Joviana grew up in a mixture of Catholicism, Spiritism, and some other mixed up reincarnation beliefs. We gave them both a new Bible (Thanks to Bearing Precious Seed Ministries), and we are going very slow and answering their questions with Scripture. They are precious and once again, we are watching as the Holy Spirit is guiding His Truths into their hearts. I don't believe it will be long before we are able to report of their salvations.

Both of the couples I mentioned above live in a town 2 hours from us, but half way on that trip is another town where we have combined two of our studies which is the basis of this new church plant we are trying to establish. We have been discipling all four of these folks in the commandments of Christ and last week we began looking at the Names of God and strengthening their faith in Him for Who He is. I have to tell you; this is our most exciting study. As I finished our lesson this past Friday, the group spontaneously began sharing their testimonies and relating how God has changed their lives. We talked until well after 10pm and I am truly excited about what the future holds in this area. Praise God.

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Our main church in Lages remains steady and we are looking forward to having Amelia here next month to hold a VBS for the children. Please continue to pray for her as she raises her support to return here to the field permanently and begin her own ministry among the youth of Brazil. She is currently filling dates for the rest of 2026 if you would like to have her come by and present her burden. You may reach her at: (850) 501-9798. She is sent out by Central Baptist Church in Ocala, Florida and is serving with the Gospel Preacher Association, which is also our same Mission Agency. As her father, I am pleading with our supporting churches to consider Amelia for one of your missionaries. I am very proud of her for answering God's call on her life, but I also know the struggle it is to raise support in order to live that calling. Please keep her in your prayers as she travels across the states visiting churches and presenting.

I would also like to update you on our vehicle. Several of you have contributed to the repairs and also to our Auto Fund where we are saving money for a truck that will handle the roads we are traveling. We are so thankful for your help. We were able to get our car in and out of the shop several times and plan on driving it until it gives out. It is completely paid off, and we don't want to jump into any debt for a newer vehicle as long as this one is still running. So, we truly thank you for helping us pay for the parts and labor over the last few months that has helped us stay on the road to these different cities and towns. God's Word is still being preached, and the Gospel is being spread because you have sacrificed your own monies in this economy to help us down here. This means the world to us, and we pray God multiplies His blessing on your own families and bank accounts. You guys are something else. I know there are those of you reading this letter that are scrimping and saving for your own cars and gas budgets. It's humbling to know that you reached down and gave in faith. Thank you.

It has been a while since I have updated you on our family, so allow me a paragraph to bring you up to date. Both of our sons are still serving in the Marine Corps. Our oldest son, Wyatt, is on his final stretch to becoming a civilian again after serving two stents. He and his wife Sydney are praying for God's will in their future plans as they move to Florida. Sam continues to serve at the Pentagon and is doing a fine job. Please pray for him and his wife, Destiny and our granddaughter, Elizabeth. Our oldest daughter, Katie has just completed her ninth year as a Christian school teacher and she and her husband, Justin, are active at their church in Florida. Sheri and I praise the Lord for our family. Many of you had a part in their lives over the years and we want you to know that we remember every diaper, bottle, pair of shoes, and suits of clothes that you provided over the last three decades. You all have sustained our family through the years, and we believe God saw it all. How precious each of you are to the Edwards family!

In the Service of the Savior,

Mark Edwards
Mark and Sheri Edwards