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THE EDWARDS FAMILY BRAZIL



September 2025 Update

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Dear Praying Friends,

September has been an outstanding month of reaching out into the highways and hedges here in our area. We have had torrential rains, so one of the main dirt roads that I drive 11 miles out to a new study has been completely blocked off for vehicles. Normally it takes us just over an hour to get to this particular farm, but my travel time has increased to two hours as I have been rerouted through cow pastures. But you know something? God has kept our car running and given us safety all the way along. He made these hills, He created these people, and He died for their souls! He is FOR us reaching them, and I give Him ALL the praise and glory.

Speaking of these new studies, I am super excited to let you know that two adults from separate studies are ready to be baptized! Praise God! We have been building on the firm foundation, and the spiritual growth has been amazing. Now that warmer weather is approaching, I believe we will hold some special services soon and baptize these believers. I am hoping to combine these two studies and continue to work towards an actual church in these towns. Keep praying for us and rejoicing with us for what God is doing.

Along with the church in Lages and the new towns we are in, we consistently try to reach our neighbors in the farming community. This past week I was able to visit with one couple who we have tried to reach over the last several years. We were met with resistance and hostility about a year ago, so we backed off a little and just kept our relationship at waving as they passed by our front gate. We used to receive invitations to all of their birthday and family gatherings, but those too, had dropped off. We continued to pray for them, and I finally had an open door and invitation to visit again, so I jumped on it! It took the good part of an hour for me to melt the ice, but eventually they gave way and began asking questions about God and the Scripture. Please pray for us to be willing to do all that is necessary to share the Gospel with this couple. Time grows shorter with each passing day, and we want to see them find the peace that only Jesus can provide.

I want to take the space in this last paragraph to thank those of you who helped Sheri and Amelia along their way as they attended our Mission board's annual meeting. This time of sending Amelia out on deputation is exciting and hard at the same time, but several of you have made it easier with your encouragement and gas money. We would pray specifically for God to help us and one of you would send a small gift and it would be an immediate answer to our need. Thank you for allowing God to use you in our lives. We love and appreciate each one of you.

In the Service of the Savior,

Mark, Sheri, and Amelia Edwards