

# BRUNER FAMILY

## Missionaries to the Amazon Basin

Dear Pastor and church family,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter. Since 2010, our ministry goal was singular: arrive in Tabatinga, Brazil, and start a Bible college working as a team with another fellow missionary. By God's grace, this goal was realized in May of 2022. For the last three years, you have been following along and witnessing God's work in this region of the Amazon. What once was a dream, became a reality as construction on the college property started.

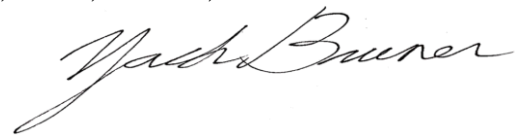
In any working relationship the goal is long-term sustainability, especially in one that is starting a "new business" or in our case a Bible college. This is not a short-term project but rather long-term. In July of last year, Sara and I came to the realization that our working relationship with our missionary partner was not sustainable in its current state. We prayed for God's direction and sought counsel from our pastor on things we could personally do to help establish a long-term, sustainable relationship. For the last year this has been our desire, but unfortunately it was not realized.

In April, we were asked by our fellow missionary to separate as partners. We have respectfully done so and have removed ourselves from Tabatinga at this present time. At the counsel of our pastor, Tom Brennan, we have returned to the states for an early furlough and are currently in Iowa at our home church. This change has come as a surprise to us; therefore, we currently do not know what direction God has for our family.

I humbly ask for your patience as we use these next few months to "be still" and let God show us a clear path for our next step of ministry. We are asking the Lord to show us His will for our next phase of ministry sooner rather than later. Lord willing, we will be able to inform you by the end of September.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (563) 663-2504. Thank you for your years of faithful support and prayers. We love you and are praying for you!

Your missionaries to the Amazon Basin,  
Zach, Sara, Landon, Paige, Blake, Jackson, Tori & Lawson Bruner



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