



October 29th, 2024

Dear Supporters, Family, and Friends,

We made it to Brazil! Praise the Lord! Getting here was more hectic than we expected; on our flight from Miami to São Paulo, a sick woman whom we saw wearing an oxygen mask had a severe medical emergency, which caused our plane to have to turn back to Miami after 2 hours of flying. But we eventually made it to Brazil and are so glad to be here. Thank you to everyone who prayed that we would safely make it to Brazil.



This first month here has been busy. We have been slowly getting our lives in order. The Lord has blessed us with a lovely apartment, which we are renting. We are so grateful to be able to live in a nice and safe community. It has been fun decorating the house and settling in. We are also thankful for the wonderful vehicle the Lord provided us. We are overwhelmed by how He has taken care of every detail.

Abby and the baby are doing just fine. We have been able to attend several exams to ensure everything is as it should be. We thank the Lord for taking care of both Abigail and Hannah during this move to Brazil.

During these first weeks here, we have already participated in several meetings with our church planting team and even participated in the inauguration of a new church plant headed by my uncle, David Barrett, with the participation of our mother church. We look forward to many things the Lord has for us to do here. Please pray that we can get government approval to start building the deaf auditorium. It can be frustrating to wait on the Brazilian government, but we are reminded that the Lord's timing is always perfect.

Meanwhile, Abigail has started Portuguese classes. Though she is already speaking Portuguese very well, the official classes will help her even more. I'm also taking sign language classes to ensure I can best share the Word of God in Libras, Brazilian sign language.

We sometimes can't believe we are here. We feel so blessed and honored to serve the Lord in this beautiful country. We know that we couldn't do any of this without your help! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May the Lord richly bless you.

Joyfully in Christ,

Stephen and Abigail Barrett



P.S. We have changed our phone numbers. Though I can still receive calls and messages from my American number, here is Abigail's and my new contact information.

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