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# The Bell Family

Missionaries to Brazil

*“Working with The Lord to fulfill The Great Commission in Northern Brazil”*

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Dear Praying Friends and Supporting Churches,

Greetings once again from your thankful missionaries. I am often reminded of your faithful prayers and support, and I thank God for you. If the Lord wills this should be our last report before we leave for Brazil! It has been a long process, and I have learned a lot, grown in my faith, and hopefully been able to be a blessing to people along the way.

As many of you already know, our visas were approved March 5<sup>th</sup>. God used your prayers to turn what I thought might be an uncertain and drawn-out process into a two-hour appointment without any complications! The professionals at the Brazilian Consulate in Houston were extremely competent and treated us very well. I brought about twice as much paperwork as turned out to be necessary (better safe than sorry 😊). We have purchased our plane tickets—once again, thank you all. We will be leaving Oklahoma City April 16<sup>th</sup> and will arrive in Belém the next morning. I was pleasantly surprised to be able to fly directly to Belém from Ft. Lauderdale without stopping in São Paulo.

This is an exciting and busy time in ministry. We have one final meeting before we leave. Tomorrow we will fly to Fairbanks, AK to preach their spring revival at The Badger Road Baptist Church in North Pole. Please pray that we will be a blessing to this church and that God would use His word to minister to all in attendance. When we return, we will finish our preparations to move. There is much to be done in a little time.

I know that I have already mentioned several prayer requests, but I would like to bring to attention a few more. As always, if you pray for nothing else, pray that God will prepare the hearts of the people to be receptive to the Gospel. Please pray for our family's (especially our children's) transition to life in Brazil. This includes language and cultural acquisition, new relationships, and dealing with the challenges that come with being separated from family and friends. We still are not sure about where in the city we will live. I hope to have a place secured before we arrive, but God's will be done. Pray for Aaron and Amanda Mendoza, our partners in ministry. They are preparing to start deputation and join us in Brazil. I am already looking forward to their arrival and the fruit of team ministry.

**Thank you for praying for the bairro of Una this month.**

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## Una



- East border of Belém

- Population around 18,000

- Relatively recently created (1996)

- Part industrial; Part residential

### Prayer Requests:

- Preparation of hearts in Belém to receive the Gospel

- Open doors to share the Gospel

- Bell Academy

- Visa paper work

For the Glory of God,  
Chris Bell

## Beautiful\* Brenda's Bailiwick

After the Long Winter, we are luxuriating in balmy weather until tomorrow, when we leave for North Pole, Alaska. I'm excited that after years of exaggeration, I will finally get to use the phrase "Arctic temperatures" with near-accuracy. We are looking forward to the fellowship and anticipating God's blessing. The kids are eager to experience Alaska and enjoy one more blast of cold before embracing Belém's equatorial glory (my word, not theirs.).

I'm finding one of the Handsome (and shockingly humble) Husband's phrases an apt descriptor of this season: battles and blessings. Our blessings are overwhelming-- quick approval of our paperwork, the support of our church, the Mendozas' progress, and the excitement of our imminent departure. Our battles are comparatively small but very real, and not, in my opinion, coincidental. Please pray for grace for each day and decision. Thank you especially for praying for Elijah, Sarah, and Caleb, as they embark on this tremendous journey. James 4: 6! (Did I mention my husband was humble?)

In Christ,  
Brenda

\*Humble editorial addition

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*“Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”*  
Ephesians 3:21