

THE MENDOZA FAMILY

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Psalms 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

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Brethren,

Hello from Brazil! We are currently enjoying what they call an Amazonian summer. It's technically winter south of the equator, but it is still hot, and we are just getting less rain than normal. Weather aside, we are staying busy. On July 16th, I had the privilege to fill the pulpit at the church in Ananindeua while their pastor was away. I led the service and my son, Samuel, played the piano for us. This was my first sermon in Portuguese and it was hard! I sweated through it, literally, but the congregation was gracious. They helped me out when I stumbled with words. It was a great opportunity to stretch my Portuguese knowledge. We have been attending services there a little more regularly since the Bells left on furlough. It's great fellowship and helps us all with the language.

Amanda has had the opportunity to start doing English lessons with a music professor who wants to be able to sing in English clearly. She, in turn, is helping my wife with her Portuguese. The children and I have been using the opportunity to drive around and scout new neighborhoods for good areas to do tract canvassing. I will also be commencing an English study with our sensei from Jiu-Jitsu. These are wonderful opportunities for our own language capabilities to grow as well as the relationships we have here in Belém.

Our children have finished their Portuguese lessons that they had this summer with Jonas. We have been encouraged to see some more growth from them. Their school year will start next week with Elizabeth in 9th grade and Samuel in 11th. We had an added blessing this month; my mom was able to personally deliver the school material for us this year. She also brought us some things we needed/wanted from the States with her. So, we enjoyed showing her around the city and just having her here with us for a while! I also took up Jiu-Jitsu last month. It's good exercise but I am also hoping to add another avenue to use and learn more Portuguese. I have ordered the new tracts and am waiting for their delivery. Once they are in, I plan on revisiting the commercial district. As always, we ask that you pray for souls to be saved.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!

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