



THE *Speights* FAMILY

Jon, Hannah, Joanna, & Jason

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Dear Praying Friends,

As we end this year and look forward to the new one, we want to thank you for all your support. It has been a crazy time of growing as we have spent our first year alone in this ministry. Our co-workers left on furlough last January and are returning this Friday night. They have been missed! God has done some wondrous things and has kept us going even in many situations we would not normally think possible. People have come and gone, but there has been real growth in many situations. We are unable to do anything without Him. It has been the times where we have sought God's face and He has worked that we have seen true fruit...frequently, in spite of ourselves or at the expense of our own pride (really, Jon talking here).

Our theme for the coming year is going to be one of prayer. We desperately need your prayers, the prayers of those in our church, and our own times of private prayer. We want larger coasts and more opportunities.

A number of people have been saved over the past year, and two of those were through our growing Bible Study in Arujá. Please be in prayer for this! It is a monthly study in a faithful church member's home over in a region that is actually almost two hours away from our church. There are hundreds of thousands of deaf people scattered over this city, and Arujá is no exception. The study has been growing, but there has already begun to be some resistance from Satan. We need the doors to stay open, the deaf to invite more and more, and the fruit to be lasting. Discipleship, in particular, is difficult due to the distances involved.

The situation with our vehicle has been frustrating. Our car has constantly broken down and stayed broken. We finally have written it off and purchased a new one while using our co-worker's car in the meantime, which also has constantly broken. We are now praying fervently that this new car will be dependable. Public transportation is usually available here, but there are frequent times when you just can't get "there" from "here." An hour-long trip by car will easily turn into three hours by bus. A good reliable vehicle is vital to be able to do the ministry.

Please also be in prayer for us over this next year. We are tentatively planning to return to the United States in early April for our first furlough. We are lining up meetings and setting up our schedule already. We need to raise some more support due to the loss of a few churches and the growth of our family/economy. There are a few ministry issues here that may end up requiring us to stay a little longer than that, but hopefully, not too much. We plan to stay in the United States for about six to nine months and then return here to continue the work. If you would like to schedule us for a meeting during our furlough and I have not yet been able to get in touch with you, then please contact us through our email or Skype number below. Thanks so much for your prayers in advance!

Ps. 37:4,5

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