



THE *Speights* FAMILY

Jon, Hannah, Joanna, & Jason

Dear Praying Friends,

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We have had a very busy few months since our last prayer letter. As we mentioned previously, our co-workers were in the United States from April to June. The Lord protected and guided us while they were gone. I (Jon) preached with mistakes, and all while, Hannah taught the children's class. We had various hurdles, but thankfully, we also had Skype to call for help when we needed it. Our vehicle broke down right before our co-workers came back, but some other friends stepped in with the loan of a vehicle to make our Sunday services much more manageable. Our co-workers returned. We had a few days of frantic vehicle repairs and preparations, and then our first missions team came. Valley Bible Baptist Church of Cobleskill, New York, is the first of our supporting churches to actually visit us on the field. Pastor Shawn Foster and six other people from their church came down to help us for ten days. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and work. We had him preach nine times in four churches, held a couple's banquet, visited a deaf June Festival and distributed tracts, traveled a bit to show off our city, visited the largest cathedral in the world (short of the Vatican), and went five times to the street market! They were all a tremendous blessing. Their construction skills made a number of modifications on our houses possible, which have made our lives quite a bit easier and safer. We were very sorry to see them go, and all of our children are now convinced that Pastor Foster's daughter Robin is going to have to be called to Brazil!

Life has settled down a little bit since then, but this has just allowed us to regroup and accomplish a number of other things. After the debacle with our visas last year, we were a little bit apprehensive approaching the renewal process this year. I researched everything thoroughly, and thankfully, we only ended up having to make two trips to the Federal Police. They accepted all our paperwork, and we have already received notification that Hannah's card for this next year has already arrived. This means that we will not have to make the trip back to the United States this year to start all over with the visa process. Next year, we can either apply for permanent visas as the next step in the process, or we can apply for permanent visas as the parents of a Brazilian child!

Hannah is now five months along with her pregnancy, and we are looking forward to welcoming the newest member of the Speights family in late November or early December. We actually made the announcement that she was pregnant a couple of months ago, but that was just after our last prayer letter. Due to the number of miscarriages that she has had, we wanted to wait until she was at least three months along before announcing anything. Everything has been going well. Her health is good, and we have some wonderful doctors involved. We actually have an ultrasound scheduled in September, so we can pick out some appropriate names. Thank you so much for your prayers, and please keep praying for her pregnancy.

The next few months are going to be quite busy. We are moving forward with a number of projects, as well as continuing to work on our language skills. We just had a men's retreat and are preparing for a ladies' retreat. The Lord is doing a lot of work in hearts, and we are seeing responses to that, which are both positive and negative. Please continue to pray that He would give us the wisdom we need to wade through some spiritual minefields. Pray that hearts would be softened and that God's will would be done by all who are involved. We covet your prayers and pray for all of you in return. Please consider letting us know how you are doing as well. Thank you so much.

Psalm 37:4, 5

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