



Feb - March 2020

Dear Fellow Labors,

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support throughout the past two months. We had the opportunity to present in eight different states during those two months: Indiana, Florida, Texas, Kansas, Michigan, Illinois, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.

As missionaries, our job is to take the Gospel to the world. While traveling on deputation, we were able to participate in preaching, teaching, singing and soul winning throughout the churches we presented at. We also had five new churches recently vote to take us on for monthly support. We are currently at 65% of our promised support. Our goal this quarter was to schedule 15 more meetings. As soon as the last 15 meetings were scheduled, we were going to provide you with a date for our departure and begin raising funds for moving expenses and paper work. We were able to fill in all those meetings; however, with the recent COVID-19 impact, our plans have been temporarily suspended.

At the end of March, we began receiving calls from pastors cancelling our scheduled meetings. We decided to self-isolate during that time. As things became more serious, it was evident to us that we needed to clear the month of April and quarantine ourselves entirely. We have had the opportunity to stay in East Texas at my in-laws' home during this time. We are praying that we do not have to cancel any more meetings as this would push our departure date even further back.

Many churches and pastors have reached out to us to see how we are during these uncertain times from the virus. Your prayers, thoughts, and love offerings to help during this time have been truly amazing. We are not naïve. We see that this virus has affected the lives of every human, yet your love towards missions seems to be even greater during this time of adversity. We are very grateful for our brothers and sisters in Christ. You are a true testament of the faith. Our goal was to be able to leave for Brazil this fall. We still think that's possible if no other meetings are canceled. Please keep this in prayer as we are trying to get to Brazil, our home.

Sincerely,  
The Butler Family  
Missionaries to Brazil

## **Additional Info:**

While in Texas, our son, Grayson, had a few of seizure attacks that left us in a scare. Grayson has never experienced a seizure before, but one day while napping he started to shake. About ten days later he again had another seizure. We were then scheduled with a pediatric neurologist who ran a one-hour test on him. The results didn't give a definite answer. We were seen on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> for a four-hour test to hopefully get more understanding into the situation. We were scheduled to hear the results March 26<sup>th</sup>; however, with all the demand for doctors and hospitals at this time, they had to re-schedule our appointment indefinitely.

During this time of quarantine, we are able to tune into our sending churches live stream services as well as join a group video chat via "Zoom" for Sunday School. We are grateful that even during times like these, we have a way to gather together and worship the Lord. As many of you are no doubt facing issues yourselves, some of ours include lack of fresh meat products, eggs, and toilet paper. Every once in a while, we head to the store in hopes of finding some goods. In the past few weeks we were able to find all of these in some amount, other than toilet paper. We are still trying to schedule meetings, but most pastors are not wanting to schedule during this time. Through all these times, we still find encouragement in our Lord.

### **Praise:**

- Five new supporting Churches
- Our van has remained fully functional during our travels
- Our family's health during these uncertain times
- We have found a place to wait out the quarantine

### **Prayer Requests:**

- The world and the virus
- For no more meetings to be canceled
- For the doctors to find the cause of Grayson's seizures
- Safety while on the road
- Potty training Grayson