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Dear Fellow Laborers,

What a crazy time these past few months have been for our family. The Lord has been opening doors for our ministry work and we are excited to share it all with you. Thank you for your constant support and prayers during these past three months.

These past three months, I have had the opportunity to serve in local ministries at my church, including soul winning, homeless ministry, and preaching in the academy and college chapels. The Lord also allowed us to present our work in South Carolina as well as Texas. COVID has still impacted our schedule; however, we still find ourselves scheduling a few meetings and getting the opportunity to serve in various ministries.

We have exciting news to share about our ministry! Through much prayer, we find the Lord leading our family to make a shift in our Gospel outreach to Brazil. Back in 2018, I took my first medical trip to the Amazon and was blown away with how doctors, nurses, first responders, and soul winners all worked together as they went into villages providing medical treatments as well as the Gospel. People would come to have their physical needs met and also receive the Gospel. I was amazed to see how God used this. If you have not yet, I encourage you to watch the video on our website showing this trip, as it will give much more insight on what we did.

Through this trip, the Lord started working on my heart. I saw a great need for the Gospel in these villages and how God used the giving of medical help to open these marvelous doors. During this time, doors started closing for us to move to Sao Palo, our original destination. As Rebecca and I prayed, we became convinced that the Lord wanted us to be a part of this great work in the Amazon. Being a part of a Medical Mission Team, we would be helping people physically and spiritually. We have taken the required steps, and I am expected to graduate in May of 2021 with an EMT basic license. From there, I plan to further my education to that of a paramedic and use those skills, along with the training I received during Bible college, to go to the unreached people groups of the Amazon.

This ministry shift means we will be based stateside instead of living overseas. This will allow us to take care of our personal living expenses as we live here in the states. The support we need from churches will be designated for Gospel literature, soulwinning tools, travel expenses, equipment, care packages, medical supplies, and other similar costs. Our vision for this ministry is to have four trips a year in which we take a team of doctors, nurses, and preachers to bring the Gospel and medical help to the unreached Amazon people. Goals set for myself include being able to provide physical aid through my medical training, as well as giving the Gospel through my Gospel training. We will be working closely with pastors in that area to ensure a safe and effective way of helping these people of the Amazon. Those pastors will then take the information of the people we see saved and follow up for baptism and spiritual growth.

As of right now, the country of Brazil is closed off and travel is limited; however, we plan to take our first trip this summer, in which we will use that time to not only reach the people, but set up a game plan for how we can conduct more trips and bring the name of Jesus into the Amazon. We thank you for your prayers and are excited to have you behind us during this transition. We realize some churches may not feel led to be partnered in this new calling in our life and we understand. For those hesitant, may I plead with you to continue to support our ministry, as we fulfill the will of God in our lives and reach the forgotten people of the Amazon. Feel free to reach out to me if you ever have questions about our family and ministry.

Sincerely,
The Butler Family
Your Missionaries to Brazil