



The BUTLER Family



MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

December 18 – January 19

Dear Fellow Laborer in Christ,

Happy New Year from the Butler Family! These past two months we were able to be in churches in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and Texas. The Lord has blessed and kept us safe during our travels and we are grateful for your prayers and support.

For the holidays we were able to spend our time with family in Texas. On a cold morning while knocking doors, my father and I had the opportunity to meet Araceli. She invited us in and began to talk with us. She later bowed her head, and with tears in her eyes, received Christ as her Savior! My father followed up with her the following week and was able to meet her husband, Alejandro. Alejandro speaks mostly Spanish, but he was able to use his wife as a translator. He said that since we had met with his wife, something had changed about her. Araceli had been trying to explain salvation to her husband, but as a new believer was unsure how to explain it. Her husband, Alejandro, said that he wants whatever his wife has. My father was then able to lead Alejandro to the Lord.

Our home church has a Spanish department that my father was able to get Araceli and Alejandro to attend. While presenting at another church in the area, my father contacted me to let me know that Araceli and Alejandro had just been baptized! They had been attending services for a couple weeks now and are growing in the Lord. My father will continue to work with the two along with the help of their Spanish pastor. Soul winning still works, and it's our job as missionaries to take the gospel to every creature. I also was able to lead Kivona and Omari to the Lord this past week. Kivona, who is 19, answered the door. As I was talking with her, her younger brother Omari came to see who was at the door talking to his sister. I asked both if they knew where they were going when they die. After a few minutes I was able to see both of them come to know Jesus as their Savior.

January 4th was our son, Grayson's, second birthday. We were able to host a party for him at Rebecca's parents' house. When Grayson was first born, he spent three weeks in the NICU. It was a hard time for us at that moment, but we are now rejoicing in the blessing of having him with us, healthy and active. I also had the opportunity to preach at my alma mater, Lone Star Baptist College, at the beginning of this year, as well as preach at Parkside Baptist Academy. My wife and I were also able to attend a couples retreat in Missouri. It was great to be able to spend some time focusing on our marriage and how we can grow together in unity with Christ as our Leader.

Please continue to keep our family in prayer as we travel. We have had three churches recently take us on for support and our schedule is starting to fill. As of now we are still on track of getting to Brazil by 2020. We are very grateful for every church that allows our family to share our burden for Brazil and for those that partner with us.

Sincerely,

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