

SCHMIDT FAMILY

Sep-Nov 2026

PRAISES

- Permanent residency approved!
- Gilberto and Cleidiane baptized!
- Pool repairs finished; $1,000 provided
- $500 given toward the men's dorms
- Damaged truss discovered and replaced

PRAYER POINTS

- Gilberto and Cleidiane's continued growth and work situation
- Young people applying God's Word
- Men preparing for church responsibilities

UPCOMING

- Getting the church in order for our Furlough
- Remaining dorm work
- Church visits beginning September 2027

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GREETINGS!

We were thankful yesterday to be able to celebrate Thanksgiving with other missionary families here in our state. We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving as well! Thank you for faithfully praying for our family and helping carry the work here in Brazil.

Baptism

In September, Gilberto and Cleidiane followed the Lord in believer's baptism! This couple received Christ in June. As we continued discipleship and reached the subject of baptism, they were ready that day! Please pray for them. They live about half an hour outside town, and his work has recently made things difficult for them.

Elton and Luana, the other couple mentioned in our last letter, have not been baptized yet. When Elton approached me about baptism, I asked about their marriage. Many couples here live together without being legally married. As we discussed honoring the Lord in this area, he said they wanted to get married before being baptized. They plan to marry in December. It is encouraging to see them willing to make that change.

Discipleship

We are investing heavily in a handful of teens and young adults through conversations and everyday teaching opportunities. It is common here to have a church life while living no differently from anyone else outside church. We want this next generation to understand that Christianity is not just something you do on the weekend—it is a life. Please pray that what they hear from God's Word shapes their everyday choices.

Property

The pool repairs are finished! We thank the Lord for the $1,000 given toward that work.

We are just about finished with the men's dorms! I want to thank the Lord for the $500 another church sent toward cooling the space. I finished installing the sheetrock and preparing the ceiling structure. While working, I discovered termite damage in the middle truss, which we replaced. I am thankful we found it now! Thank you to everyone helping make these projects possible.

Residency and Furlough

After a lot more forms and paperwork, I was able to get a meeting scheduled for November 17. I'm thankful to say that my permanent residency was approved! Getting this settled was a huge answer to prayer. If our visas expire while we are out of the country, we have to start the process over as if we had never been here.

That said, we plan to return to the States in May 2027 for one year. The first few months will be spent getting Caleb situated and settled in school. We plan to begin visiting churches in September. If we will be in your area before then, I will reach out personally.

In the meantime, pray with us about the church here. I have been meeting with the men to establish roles and responsibilities before we leave. Please pray for them and for the church to grow in faithfulness as members take on more responsibility.