



SCHMIDT FAMILY

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GREETINGS!

Our family is blessed to have the opportunity to declare His glory among the nation of Brazil! On the surface, Brazil is a religious nation, yet in day-to-day conversations with people (many members of churches), they believe a works based gospel. That being said, the blessing of living in the interior of Brazil is that many are willing to sit and listen. For example, recently, Christian (an elementary school teacher in our city) gave me his undivided attention as I shared the gospel with him. Like many here, he believes he has done enough good to be allowed into Heaven. By the end of our conversation, I asked him, based on the Bible, if he would go to Heaven, and he said no. That evening, he returned to the evening service, and even though he heard a clear gospel message, he did not respond. We ask you to pray for Christian and his salvation.

Our family's outreach efforts have been gaining momentum. Two weeks ago, we expanded our outreach to a church-wide event, and the response was overwhelming. We had 18 come out the first week and 16 today! Talking about outreach, we plan to meet with the elementary school director on Monday about starting a weekly Bible club. We already have the curriculum and program ready; we just need a place. This will help us get the gospel into the ears of children who are part of other churches that teach a false gospel. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated in this effort.

This Wednesday, at midnight, Bro Tom Brewer will arrive back on the field. We will begin renovating the property in Porto Velho that he founded many years ago. This will include gutting and redoing the pastoral house, reconstructing a section of the church to accommodate visiting church groups, and building a small efficiency apartment for them to live in as they start their new tent crusade ministry.

As I close, I want to share a praise. This month, we had to renew our children's passports. As we made our way to Manaus, we knew it would be quite the adventure. This route consists of 300 miles of dirt road. There are long stretches where you can only drive 25-35 mph. You will drive for miles without seeing a single house, making it very difficult if you were to break down. How do I know? Because that's what happened! To keep this brief, in a stretch with loose rocks, one literally put a hole in the transmission casing and all the fluid drained out. We had been driving for nearly 3 hours without seeing a house. By the grace of God, right after we hit this rock, we passed a house (as the car was dying). The man was able to patch it up so we could continue the nine-hour drive left to get to Manaus! We all knew this was God's tender guiding hand upon our family.

Yesterday, I took the car in for repairs, and the news was not what we had hoped for. The shop informed us that the cost of the fix would exceed the car's value. Fortunately, we have insurance that will cover the complete replacement of the car if they consider it a loss. We were told that they would get us an answer this week. We are thankful for the support and guidance we have received during this challenging time.

PRAISES

- God's guidance on the way to Manaus!
- Many open doors for the gospel in our town!
- A good group of people out evangelizing on Saturdays!

PRAYER POINTS

- Discernment and open doors
- Opportunities with the school
- The salvation of Christian and Mario
- Working through English classes

UPCOMING

- Bible club in the school
- Working through teaching English
- Brewers returning/rennovations

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- [Left] The road to Manaus
- [Right] Man fixing our car in the middle of nowhere!