

Dear Friends,

This will be one of the last prayer letters I write to you from Brazil. On Wednesday we leave Crato for Fortaleza, and on Sunday we fly to the States. We should be arriving in Des Moines on Monday morning, May 5. Our son David will remain in Brazil until early June in order to finish his junior year at the Fortaleza Academy.

Here is a summary of the goings on here...

1. GOD HAS PROVIDED A PASTOR FOR OUR CHURCH! He is a graduating senior, and will be working as a missionary pastor, since the church cannot support him fully. His name is Edson, and he is in his mid forties. He and his wife have three children. He is a humble man with a heart to serve God. He will be starting here in July. Many praises to God for this provision.

2. Our house remains unsold. We continue to trust God and seek options that He may be opening for us here. Most likely we will leave the house in the hands of a responsible realtor here who will work for us. Please continue to pray for God's leading.

3. Last night (Friday) the seminary family gave us a surprise going away party. It was a really special gesture of love and appreciation for our family. We will greatly miss these who have become part of our family here.

4. Sarah finished her student teaching this week and will be flying home early next week. She had a great time in Portugal, and felt she was able to go beyond the "professional" nature of her job and minister to the family and staff people there.

5. Becki's dad underwent a successful elbow transplant, and is recovering well. He spend a long time with a bothersome, malfunctioning elbow, and we thank God that the surgery has been done. Dad has done so well that we sometimes forget that he has multiple myeloma cancer. He never complains and has been a wonderful testimony through it all.

Mark will be joining the Faith Baptist Bible College faculty as of July 1. We want to thank each of you who has faithfully supported us and prayed for us during our nineteen years here in Brazil. Some of you may be interested in contributing toward occasional missions projects related to our work at FBBC, such as summer missions trips. We will be sending e-mail updates of our work at Faith to those of you who would like to continue receiving them. A questionnaire will be going out after we get back.

God bless you with a fruitful weekend. Be sure to check our site at www.lounsbrough.us.

Mark and Becki Lounsbrough
Sarah, Stephen, David and Daniel