

EXTERNALLY FOCUSED. INTERNALLY ALIVE. ETERNALLY CONNECTED.



*"Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart...For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord...so we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." II Cor. 4:1, 5, 18*

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FOCUS is so important in our Christian walk. Because we have experienced God's mercy, we are **internally alive** in Christ and **eternally connected** to God through Jesus. This enables us to be **externally focused** - focused on God's Word and on His purposes for our lives as we focus on the needs of others. If all goes according to plan, we should fly from the U.S. on August 31st and arrive in Brazil on September 1st to resume our ministry. Thanks for praying for a smooth transition from this wonderful furlough year in the U.S. to the people and needs awaiting us in Brazil.

## Focus on Camps

The **extra eight weeks** that we were able to spend in the U.S. due to our flight cancellation in July have been full and fun. Our days were filled with many great contacts and opportunities to share about our missionary work in Brazil. Special events included church services, personal visits, Wilderness Camp in MN, Youth and Children's camp at the ARC, a Bible School Class reunion in WI, Family

Camp and the AFLC Annual Conference at the ARC. We enjoyed focusing on God's Word and having fellowship with great people. We really enjoyed leading the evening worship times at **Family Camp**. Home Missions director, Jim Johnson, did a short **interview with us about church-planting**. Click here to see us - [Interview](#). Or visit: <https://vimeo.com/448671911>



## Focus on Family



It's been a joy to spend unexpected time with our two sons during this time. Matthew and Ednay and their two children are home on furlough from Paraguay. We have been sharing the Mission home with them when we are back in Osceola. We rejoice in **Matthew's ordination** to the pastoral ministry on August 10. We also had the joy of spending a few days with Andrew and Alexi and Judah at the lake cabin in WI. We had special time with Paul's mom (91) and look forward to visiting my mom (88) before we head back to Brazil. These women are special examples of love and faithfulness, and we cherish the moments we have been able to spend together this year.

## Focus on the Future

Pray for us as we look to what God has prepared for us in the future. Many are waiting for **pastoral visits** upon our return - some are elderly and have serious health issues, others have difficult situations in their marriages or families, and others will just be glad to have us back to share life and ministry once again. We want to do **His will in His way** so we pray - "Have Thine own way, Lord. You are the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after your will, while I am waiting, yielded and still."

We continually give thanks to God for **His provision** for our needs all through our life. He has used many of you to bless us and keep us on the mission field all these years. **Thank you!** We are still lacking about \$700 in monthly support so we ask that you **prayerfully consider joining our support team** or asking your church to participate with us monthly. We recently found out about a unique way to raise money for missions for people who have Thrivent insurance policies. Each member can apply for a \$250 **Action Team** gift twice a year to multiply that gift for missions - <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-action-teams.html> With a little creativity you can encourage others to join you in raising funds to bless the world. Click here to download a **pre-designed poster** for publicizing a fund-raiser for missions (or download from <https://wp.me/p7aAFE-6W>). To donate to our ministry, please click **Contributing** or visit <https://www.aflcworldmissions.org/contributing>

**Our wish for you is to be focused on Jesus and His plans for you,  
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