



THE SMITH FAMILY

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South American Field Director

For the non-Spanish speaking countries



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Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I begin to write this letter. The Southeast, specifically western North Carolina, has suffered much the past few days. Our prayers go out to those who were and still are affected by Hurricane Helene. Some lost all their possessions, while others lost their lives. We do rejoice on how this brought many families, churches, and neighbors together to assist each other during the recovery process. Words cannot describe what we have seen in person, or by pictures/videos. For some, life will never be the same. It will be a long road to recovery for most. If we can help in any way, please let us know. We are praying for you!

Deputation Updates

I am happy to report that we have crossed the 20% mark of our support level! Glory! Some pastors/churches are still praying about partnering with us monthly. During the summer, I had the transition period between jobs, to have more flexibility for traveling/meetings. A special thanks to the Tisdales for letting me work with their business for 3 weeks to get through the month of July. Also, we had an anonymous donor from Philadelphia Baptist Church in Calhoun, GA to donate \$2,500 to help cover the other weeks while waiting on my first paycheck on the new job. The good news doesn't stop there! Gethsemane Baptist Church in Cornelia, GA is covering my expenses with the Brazilian consulate to get my paperwork/passport (\$300). Morning Star Baptist Church in Cleveland, NC is covering my complete trip expenses (\$2,500) to go to Brazil in January 2025 (this will cover the airfare, lodging, and food). God has sure been providing every step of the way. Thank you to all the churches that have had us in to present our burden and for the love offerings that were given.

Family Updates

A hobby/sport that we have fallen in love with is pickleball. If you have not tried it, I highly recommend it. It is like tennis/ping pong/badminton all mixed in one. We have enjoyed getting to learn and play this new game as a family.

Field Updates

Mom and Dad plan to return to Brazil at the end of the year. James & Soraia Allen are planning to come in for furlough next year. Alex and Jessica Lima also plan to come in for a few months. Please consider having them in your church while they are Stateside. You can reach out to me or the home office for their contact information.

Prayer Request/Needs

Continue to pray that men and women will respond to the call to serve in missions. I believe that God is still calling... just people are not listening. Keep praying that God will continue to open doors for us to present our burden for South America. We are still aiming to be full-time by the end of May 2025!

"In His Grip"

Bro. Jonathan Smith
Isaiah 41:13

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Will you send? Will you go? Or will you disobey?