

Light for Brazil



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Focal Points

Let me share with you some of the work *you* have been doing through our partnership by a look at the focal points of my weekly work.

Disciple-makers are being made in Marituba. As preparation continues towards launch in Belém, I have invested as much time as I am able in the work in Marituba. It is exciting to imagine multiplying our kingdom partnership by training disciple-makers to work alongside us. Eder is a man I am discipling now, hoping he will one day be a fully trained co-worker. He has been transparent about his struggles and has a willing attitude to learn and obey. As we share in God's plan for our lives and families Eder has had questions, but he is excited. During a second study each week, I have been preparing Eder to preach a lesson (which he will do for the first time soon). I am excited to see God mature Eder, and my prayer is that he will become a disciple-maker maker to join alongside us in this Kingdom work.



Eder reading scripture

The church in Marituba was strengthened. Monday nights I have taught lessons to the men of the church in Marituba to get more men involved. I was happy to see men nervously read a scripture or say a word of welcome to the church for the first time, and I believe this process may also help reveal future leaders. This church appears older than it really is, and there are some definite needs to be addressed Biblically, which I targeted in my preaching. The church is reaching out more, and last week, for example, Aldenor (in blue here) brought five visitors. The young man with us told me "I am tired of my old way of life; I want to know about Jesus' way!"



The outreach center in Belém is being prepared. Prep work for CEB, "Centro de Estudos Biblicos", is underway, but after many days we still lack at least three weeks before we

can start outreach. I wish I could explain it better than this, but all I can say is: everything has taken, at minimum, twice as long as I think it could possibly take. Please continue to pray for us as we begin in Belém.



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Family Side



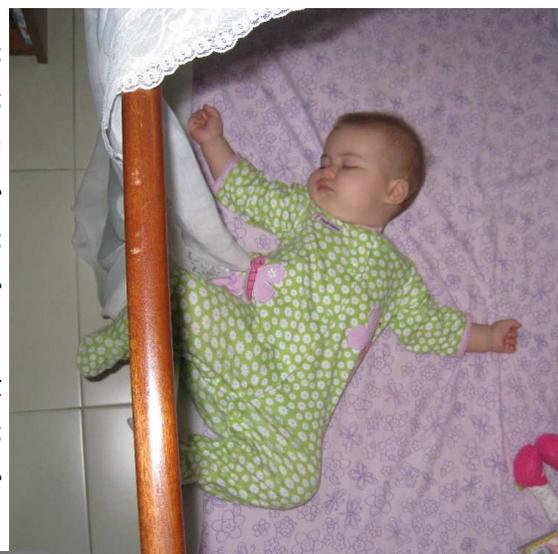
Tuckered-out is how our children feel much of the time, but there is one inexhaustible body in the family. Melissa will not want me to say this, but I need to give honor where honor is due. It is really tough to maintain a home here while caring for two young children without help from family. Melissa has risen to the challenge and I

have to brag on how well she intentionally rears our children and cares for our home despite the challenges. I am amazed by her inexhaustible spirit and her loving care for our children and home.

Just a week ago, Evelyn began crawling, and now she is unstoppable. This presents difficulties now that she has begun to work her way up the stairs! She is pulling herself up to stand and she looks as if she will be walking by her 1st birthday, in June. Maybe some of you will get to see her first steps while we are on furlough!

Josiah is going through yet another growth spurt and he is growing like the Amazon. Right now one of his favorite things to do is wash his toy animals and dinosaurs in the sink (do you think he has seen mommy wash a few times?). Yes, the kitchen floor may get flooded in the process, but Melissa likes the prospect of a helper to wash the dishes, so she encourages him to keep practicing.

We want to say a big thank you to all those who have sent us encouraging notes and packages! We received some this past month, and it means so much to us that you took the time to remember us in this way and in your prayers.



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