

Jonathan, Beth, Miriam & Jonah TODD

MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL



Arriving Back in Brazil

We arrived back in Brazil in January of this year. Our return started with our first flight being cancelled. Jonathan spent an hour on the phone with American Airlines at 4:30 in the morning and they managed to find us seats on other flights that still left the same day. Unfortunately, the change left us with a 14-hour layover in São Paulo. But we are grateful it all worked out and we made it back home to Itaituba in just a short three days!

The same week we got back, Beth got the kids registered for school and they started at the end of January. Miriam is in second grade and Jonah is in pre-k. Both are doing well readapting to Portuguese.



Miriam and Jonah in their school uniforms

Professora Elizabeth

One of our roles in Brazil is to teach at the Instituto Teologico Boa Terra, the Church of God seminary here in Itaituba. Due to COVID, neither of us taught in 2020 and then we were in the US for most of 2021. But this past June, Beth had the opportunity to teach a month-long intensive titled "The Psychology of Learning." Often the seminary has existing curriculum to build upon for courses, but in this case she had to put everything together herself. There are currently 18 students in seminary ranging from those just beginning to those in their final year. Beth had all of them for this course.



Students working on an activity during class

Prayer Requests

- The CIID (Interamerican) meeting taking place September 6-9
- Safe travels for a group of three coming from Kentucky for a ministry visit in September
- Miriam and Jonah as they continue to readapt to Brazilian culture and Portuguese

Answered Prayers

- We made it back to Brazil with minimal travel problems!
- Miriam and Jonah are both doing well in school and transitioning back to speaking Portuguese
- We have a new vehicle, which is allowing for more ministry opportunities.



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New Car!

When we first moved to Itaituba in 2018, we purchased a ten-year-old Toyota SW4. It was what we could afford at the time, and we are beyond grateful for that car. It carried us all over Itaituba and nearby communities. But it also had multiple mechanical issues that we had to fix (including replacing the transmission, fuel injectors, master brake cylinder twice, AC problems, suspension, most of the steering system, differential, and other problems). One blessing out of it is that I (Jonathan) built a great relationship with a mechanic in the church, and I've learned to depend on God's providence many times over in regard to repairing the car. In late 2020 our mechanic finally told me, "Brother, I love fixing your car. It's good money. But it's time that you start looking for a new one." I'm thankful for his honesty. For the last 18 months we've been praying that God would open the doors to buy a newer and more reliable vehicle.

In April Jason and Abby Torgeson (Global Strategy's regional connectors for Latin America) along with their three children spent a week with us. Jason saw a 2018 Toyota SW4 for sale on Facebook and asked if we could go look at it. We discovered that it was in incredible condition with low mileage. We took it for a test drive and I promptly drove it to our mechanic. When we arrived, he said, "I know this car! I tried to buy this car but couldn't get the financing worked out. Now I know why. God was holding it for you! It's basically new and exactly what you need!" It took several weeks to work out the details, but we have had the car since May. In June, I along with several pastors drove it about 2,000 miles round trip to visit a church in another region to do some training as well as encourage the church. We are beyond grateful for God's providence in finding a new vehicle. Now we just need to give it a name!



We spend a lot of time driving the Transamazon highway. We thought we would share a picture of how it normally looks.

Find Your Stride

When COVID first came on the scene, many missionaries and missions agencies started making plans on what to do if giving began to decrease. We are grateful beyond words that while this was a concern of ours initially, those of you who partner with us continued to give to this ministry. We praise the Lord for each and every one of you.

One reality of life as a missionary is that the level of support is always changing as the circumstances of financial partners change. We are thankful that our sending agency, Global Strategy, is proactive in this regard. This year they are running a campaign to help us missionaries increase our level of recurring, monthly support. For every new or increased recurring monthly gift (increased by at least \$50) that gives their first installment between September 10-16, we will receive a cash match equal to three times the first month's amount. More information will be coming soon about this. Would you prayerfully consider participating in this?



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