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Dear Supporters, Family, and Friends,

We have been doing well here in beautiful Brazil. The weather has gotten a little colder, and with the change of season comes sickness. About a month ago, Hannah caught a cold and, despite our efforts to keep them apart, she passed it to little Jonathan, who was only a month old. He developed bronchiolitis and was admitted to the NICU for a week. It was a tough week for us, but we felt God's grace carry us through each day. Praise the Lord—he improved, and both are doing well now. We thank the Lord for the way He takes care of us.

We are overjoyed to participate in the work the Lord is doing here in Brazil. Last month I had the privilege of preaching in Brazilian Sign Language (Libras) at a friend's church in a city about an hour and a half away. They invited our family to participate in their family conference, and it was a great encouragement to serve alongside an established Deaf ministry and see what the Lord is doing among the Deaf in other areas

As we seek to be faithful in doing our part, the Lord continues to show Himself faithful in accomplishing His work. We have been encouraged to see significant progress on the Deaf church building, and we look forward to completing the structural work so we can begin the interior. As mentioned before, the cost of this building is very high because of the area where we live, but we are praying and trusting the Lord to provide so that the work can move forward.

It's amazing to see how the Lord guides. Last month a friend of mine was at the mall, sitting on a bench waiting for his wife to finish shopping. A deaf man sat next to him and began trying to chat. He doesn't know sign language, so he called me and we talked for about 15 minutes. A few days later my uncle was in an Uber and discovered his driver was also deaf. Again, they called me and we talked. I invited him to church, and he promised to come.

I have remained in contact with these two Deaf men, and I am praying that the Lord will give me wisdom to know the best way to share the gospel with them clearly and in a way they can understand. Their names are Adão - the Portuguese form of Adam - and Diego. Please pray for these two souls.

Since then, through members of our church, we have also come into contact with other Deaf people. We are praying that the Lord will continue to open doors for us to reach them with the gospel. Our greatest desire is to see the Lord save souls here in Brazil, and we feel honored to be part of His work. Thank you so much for your support and prayers.

Joyfully in Christ,

Stephen, Abigail, Hannah, and Jonathan Barrett

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