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Dear Supporters, Family and Friends,

In the end of July, we had our first deaf service in our church, in preparation for the inauguration of the deaf church building. It was a tremendous blessing. We had fellow missionaries to the deaf, Bro Dan and Becky Bennet, along with several others who were taking a mission trip to Brazil. We had fifteen deaf people present. Some were from a Deaf church in another city that closed down after the death of their pastor; some had never had contact with the gospel of Jesus Christ until that night. We were overwhelmed with joy to see how the Lord made everything happen.

The exterior of the new building is almost done. We are excited to start working on the inside soon. Please pray that the Lord will provide the funds we need to continue to this next phase.

We also continue our endeavor to get a John and Romans into every household in our city; a city of over 500,000 people. Our church people have been faithful in doing their part, and we are so grateful to see how the Lord has made sure we always have enough booklets to give out.

Praise the Lord, we are doing well, though we went through a scary situation with our son, Jonathan, recently. We started noticing that he would have sudden lapses of awareness. At first, they were quick, only a few seconds long, then, we noticed them getting longer and more frequent. We discovered that they were seizures. Just a few days later, we decided to take him to the ER. On the way there, he started having a bad seizure on his whole body. He ended up staying in the NICU for four days while they controlled the seizures and ran all sorts of tests to find out what was causing them.

Thankfully, the doctors figured out the correct dosage of medication, and all his tests came back normal, making them believe that it's something developmental that is causing the seizures and that he will outgrow them with time. The doctors also let us know that every other developmental milestone has been reached perfectly, which we are grateful for. God has given us tremendous grace and helped us through these hard times. Please pray that the Lord will guide us as to when is the right time to wean him from the medication and that he won't have any more seizures.

Serving the Lord doesn't mean that we won't have hardships anymore, but what a blessing it is to have the Lord to help us "when we pass through the waters...". Thank you so much for your prayers, as well!

Joyfully in Christ,

Stephen, Abigail, Hannah and Jonathan Barrett

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Singing a Special in Church



Jonathan getting tests done



Deaf group at the special event

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