



NEWS FROM THE GAYLES

Serving in Brasilia, Brazil



September Newsletter 2026

Dear Friends, Family, and Faithful Supporters,

Sometimes when we think about missions, we picture the victories—the services, the souls, the preaching, the teaching, and the lives being changed. But missions also means walking through unexpected circumstances, family emergencies, financial challenges, and difficult seasons while continuing to trust God and move forward in the work He has called us to do. That was certainly our experience in the month of August.

At the beginning of the month, we had the incredible opportunity to travel from to Ecuador to attend the UPCI South America Convention with churches and believers from throughout the continent. We were blessed to represent Brazil alongside the other missionaries serving throughout the country. More than 10,000 believers gathered together to worship God, and it was an unforgettable experience. Standing in a gathering of thousands of believers from different nations and backgrounds reminded us that the work we are doing in Brazil is part of something much greater than ourselves.

While we were in Ecuador, we received the unexpected news that our home in the United States had flooded from within. We immediately filed an insurance claim and began working with friends, neighbors, and contractors to address the damage. Genessa returned to the U.S. to work directly with the insurance company and coordinate the repairs, while our children and I returned to Brazil to continue the work God had called us to do. It was a difficult and stressful season, but it reminded us that missionaries are not exempt from life's challenges. We simply learn to place those challenges in God's hands and keep moving forward.

I also had the privilege of speaking at a Men's Conference and continuing to preach and teach throughout the Brasília District while staying in close communication with Genessa about our situation in the United States. After about ten days, we received another difficult call: my aunt, my father's sister, had been placed on hospice. After prayer, the children and I returned to the United States so I could be with my family, pray with my aunt, meet with our insurance company, and check on our home. By God's grace, I arrived in time to see and pray with my aunt before she passed away. Afterward, I was asked to help organize her funeral and deliver the eulogy.

This experience reminded me that loving and serving people around the world never means loving our families back home any less. In fact, my love and burden for my family is an extension of the same love and burden that drives me in missions. I became a missionary by first learning to be an example of God's love to my own family.

As I prepare to return to Brazil, we look forward to continuing the work God has called us to do. August brought moments of revival, ministry, uncertainty, grief, and difficult decisions, but through it all, God has remained faithful. We are learning that moving forward in missions does not mean life will always be easy—it means trusting God with our home, finances, family, and future, and continuing forward in faith. As we enter September, we deeply appreciate your prayers for our family and ministry. Truly, “we walk by faith and not by sight.” Please pray for:

- Our home in the United States — Pray that the insurance process and repairs will go smoothly and that God will provide for every need.
- Additional expenses — The additional travel between Brazil and the U.S. have created expenses that were not part of our original plans.
- A vehicle for our ministry in Brazil — We continue to need a reliable vehicle to help us travel, minister, visit churches and families.
- Souls to be saved — Above everything else, please pray that God would continue to open doors for us to reach people with the Gospel.

In His Service,

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Itapoa Church, Brasilia



Brasilia District Men's Meeting



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Pray for Our House Repairs