



# MICHAEL & LYDIA HUGGINS

Missionaries to **BRAZIL**

I Corinthians 3:7  
So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.



## January February 2019

**Isaiah 61:3 "To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified."**

We've had some contrasting events starting off this year; at the beginning, we were joyful in that we were blessed to have some time with our families back in Pensacola. Just a month later in February my wife's father, Carl Deems, was not feeling well and went to the doctor for a checkup. After some tests and blood work, the doctors told him he has Acute Myeloid Leukemia and he started chemotherapy treatment a few days later. We were in California when we heard about the diagnosis and we began to work on our schedule so we could get back to Pensacola. Right now Bro. Deems treatment is going as expected with some ups and downs and we would like to sincerely thank everyone for your prayers for him. As the Lord often does he has good things in place long before we see the problem arise; one of the best cancer/leukemia treatment groups in the world out of Houston, TX is connected with the hospital in Pensacola where Bro. Deems is receiving his treatment. Even though that is a blessing, our comfort and hope is truly in the hands of the Great Physician. Also, we appreciate the graciousness and understanding of the churches out west that have worked with us to change our meetings so we could make the journey back to Florida from California.

In life, the Lord plants us in environments where circumstances can be with mourning and heavy to the spirit but that is where the Lord can work to turn those same situations into a time of joy and praise. We know when he plants us in a place it is never by accident nor is it without purpose but it is so that he might be glorified. At the hospital visiting my father-in-law on two different days, we had the unexpected blessing to meet two Brazilians, by divine providence they happened to be the nurses assigned to care for him the days we arrived from out west. One was a Swedish missionary's child raised in Brazil then moved to the US after nursing school and the other came from Brazil to the US when she was 10 years old. We know our meeting was not accidental so if you would pray for more of an opportunity to witness to Carola and Ellen.

Praise the Lord, on a cheerful note, we were able to announce that we are expecting a baby in September! This has been a prayer of ours for many years and I know some of you have also prayed along with us about this matter. The Lord has answered in his way and time. It was a joy to be able to announce this exciting news to our families in person and it helped to lift some of the heavy spirit and bring praise to the Lord for his goodness to us. Please continue to pray everything goes well with Lydia and the baby during her pregnancy especially with the additional strain concerning her father's health.

In March we have meetings in Montana, Idaho, and Washington and then we journey back East for our meetings in Arkansas, North Carolina, Virginia, and Delaware in April. Our timeline to get to Brazil has been slightly adjusted on the understanding and advice of several people who have moved from the US to Brazil. So as we now see the way forward and if the Lord allows we still plan to be in Brazil by the end of 2019 after Lydia has the baby. Again, thank you all for your kindness, prayers, and faithful support!



PRAYER REQUESTS:	THANKSGIVINGS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety on the roads and a healthy pregnancy &amp; baby</li> <li>• Carl Deems healing</li> <li>• Continued wisdom &amp; guidance on timing to move to Brazil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our expected baby in September</li> <li>• The prayers and support of so many faithful saints</li> <li>• For being able to plan our move to Brazil in 2019</li> </ul>