



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.

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Ecclesiastes 3:1

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"

If one thing is for certain in this life under heaven, it is that things will change and seasons of life do end. Some we enjoy and wish would never end while others we hope never come but the Lord is able to grow some of the sweetest fruit from the harshest seasons. Some of you may already know but we are deeply saddened to tell you that my wife's father, Carl Deems' season of life has ended down here but we're glad to have comfort in knowing that he has begun his new life up in heaven. He passed last month hearing the voices of his family around him in prayer and he awoke to the welcoming voice of his Savior in glory. He had a good testimony to the end and his Hospice nurse remarked how it was obvious that his eternity was settled and he wished he could witness that with all his patients. The funeral service with full military honors went well with a strong gospel message being preached and a few lost attending.



We pray in time the seed that was sown will bear fruit. We would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to encourage us with your sympathy cards, texts, calls, emails, and also for the very nice meals several individuals and churches brought by during this time. You all have ministered to us in a way we cannot express. For those who have been praying, thank you for your intercession for us and please continue to ask the Lord for comfort for Lydia and the family.

As our deputation season ends we can't help but notice all the work that went into getting us to this point. We look back on many great memories of edifying fellowship and many examples to us of faithfulness in the Lord's work. We are indebted to all the pastors and church members for your time in coordinating meetings, your considerate generosity, your thoughtful hospitality, and your cooperative work to get us ready to minister down in Brazil.

We are excited to let you know that we have now officially started the process to get our visas for Brazil. Bro. Matt Sherrouse and Bro. Joel Dare, who we will be with in Brazil during our training period, have been invaluable in helping us to get this started and we really appreciate the benefits we have already received from their labors and toils through Brazil's immigration system. Our hope is to be in Brazil several weeks before the Christmas holiday since many Brazilian offices close for weeks and it would be very difficult to get anything done during that time. Also, if possible in October, I would like take a trip down to Brazil to arrange for housing and a vehicle before we move the family down so we can try to make the transition as easy as practical. Please pray for the Lord to give us wisdom on these decisions.

Many of you have sent your congratulations and even gifts for our baby and we would like to thank you all for your thoughtfulness. Lydia is doing well with the pregnancy and Lord willing by the time your read our next letter we will have pictures of our new baby for you. It is an intimidating thing to think about moving to another country but it is even more so as new parents with a new baby but as usual the Lord has his way of providing everything needed for his work to be done. That being the case, my mother has offered to travel with us and help with the new baby while we get things set up for our new life in Brazil.

As my wife's due date gets closer we are more homebound but thankfully some opportunities have opened up for me to return to teaching and preaching in a few prisons near Pensacola and in a juvenile delinquent facility. We have also been able to devote much more time to our language studies now but we are hoping to get a Portuguese tutor possibly from one of the Brazilian nurses I mentioned a few months ago who cared for my father-in-law while in the hospital. Outside of those things we have many other things we need to prepare and pack before we move to Brazil. Again, we thank you all for your kindness, prayers, and faithful support!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- A healthy pregnancy & baby and a good delivery
- Comfort for the Deems family
- Our visas to be processed without any issue
- Wisdom for a possible set up trip and timing of our move

THANKSGIVINGS:

- Our baby girl is reported to be developing well
- The many dear friends that helped us through deputation
- Kindness & sympathy of so many for my wife's father passing
- Blessing, health & safety all throughout deputation