

the Johnson's missionaries to *Brazil*

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Six months comes and goes so fast. The past six months has been no exception. The end of January not only marked six months on deputation, but it also marked the one year anniversary of one of the most difficult decisions we have had to make. The decision to follow God's leading to leave the United States was not difficult, but decision to leave the people of Berean Baptist Church was. God truly gives you a heart for the people He calls you to minister to and we are so thankful that He gave us such wonderful people.

In six months we have driven about 28,000 miles, visited 51 churches, seen several people receive Christ as Savior, passed out tracts all over the country, and raised 45% of our support. God is so good! Let me backtrack for a moment. It would be simple to think that I am saying that God is good because He has allowed us to raise our support so quickly. But that is the "glass half empty" type of thinking we battle against ourselves. If we were at 25% right now, God would still be just as good. We are most excited about the lessons that we have learned along the way.

When you read through the life of Elijah, you find that God sends a raven to feed him at a brook. The brook eventually dries up, but God's provision does not. God's source of provision then moves to a widow woman. In the past six months we have seen God provide. It has not been in the same way twice, but month after month He does it. One of the biggest lessons that we are learning is that God still wants to do miracles the same way He always has. He wants to blow us away. But as in Bible times, the best miracles always come when we are at our most vulnerable point.

The other lesson that we have experienced firsthand is that prayer still works! Since the very first day of deputation, we have had a team of people praying for us every day. Thank God that team continues to grow. We have driven past accidents on the roads, seen the hearts of people open up, have seen churches commit to support us, all because God's people pray. Thank you for your prayers!

With just 44 weeks to go before January 2016 we are working hard to fill up our remaining meeting schedule. Someone asked me what we would do if we were able to get to 100% early. My response was that there are people dying every day, they are not waiting until 2016. We would go tomorrow, but that is God's business, not ours. We will just continue to be faithful.



Schedule:

Faith Baptist
Church, North
Carolina

Capital City Baptist
Church, South
Carolina

Nolansville Road
Baptist Church,
Tennessee

First Baptist of
Atoka, Tennessee

Liberty Baptist
Church, Texas

Meetings:

Meetings Set: 106

Meetings Held: 49

Prayer Requests:

Safety in Travel

Opportunities to
Witness on the
Road

Family Health

Surpass 125
Meetings Set Goal

Financial Needs to
be Met

Current Support Committed:

45%

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