

# the Johnson's missionaries to *Brazil*

August 18, 2015

As we flipped the calendar to August, we saw one full year of deputation come and go. It is with a profound sense of irony that I reflect on how far God has brought us. We are presently in San Diego, California over 2,500 miles away from our home, which gives a distinctly physical aspect to the statement. However, the statement is true both physically, financially, and spiritually.

Financially speaking, God has given us the opportunity to present the ministry in 91 churches and to have raised just over 91% of our support! While many churches have taken us on for monthly support, there have been some that have not. This is not a statement of rebuke or complaint! So many times the people of the church are more saddened that they cannot take on another missionary than we are. This just shows the amazing heart of God's people. Many churches that could not take us on have helped us with generous love offerings, many members have walked up with the "cash handshake" to help us on our way and have given special gifts. God has used each of these in amazing ways to meet every one of our needs.

Spiritually speaking, God has used this time to grow our faith in Him. As a pastor, I had a deep concern for the state of our nation (which I still have). There was a prevailing feeling that churches are shrinking, missionaries are not getting to the field, and we were in trouble. It was almost like Elijah on the mountain saying that I (and the few other good churches I know of) am all that is left. However, in the past year God has taken us from Seattle, Washington to Southern Florida; from Upstate New York to California and ...well... God is still at work! The best part is that God has used my preaching and our testimonies to see people saved, called into ministry, start tithing, and giving to missions. This means that we are doing more than just receiving from churches, we are giving back as well.

The next few months are going to be a whirlwind. We are driving back to the East Coast at the end of this month. We are finishing up our visa paperwork to present to the Brazilian consulate in September. I will be headed down to Brazil for a week at the end of September to make preparations for our move. Naomi and the kids are working hard to get ahead on schoolwork so that our move to Brazil will not put them too far behind. We still have about 25 meetings and 7 missions conferences left to complete, as we are still not taking 100% support for granted! Thank you for your prayers.



## Schedule

Grace Baptist  
Fernley, NV

Heritage Baptist  
San Leandro, CA

Shining Light Baptist  
Tuscon, AZ

Truth Baptist  
Mechanicsville, VA

Community Baptist  
South Riding, VA

Heritage Baptist  
Woodbridge, VA

## Meetings

Meetings Set: 124

Meetings Held: 95

## Prayer and Praises

Safety as we  
travel back to the  
East Coast from  
California

Wisdom as we  
work with the  
Brazilian  
Consulate for our  
visas

Preparations for  
our final move in  
January

## Support Committed

**91%**

19 Weeks till  
2016!

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