

# The Amazonian

The HORTON FAMILY Newsletter

## Taking the Light of Jesus to Northern Brazil

Planting New Testament Baptist Churches

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Dear Prayer Partners,

What an intense and trying time we are living in! Through our daily video devotionals, we remind the people in our churches here that this is the time for believers to show their true colors by demonstrating a calm demeanor, obedience to the local authorities, and an absolute trust in God. Brazilians are a very gregarious and affectionate people, so it has been difficult for many of them to stay at home and practice social distancing. Many simply don't follow the guidelines that the authorities have set forth, and others do so, but are concerned about the financial repercussions for their families, as well as contracting the virus. In addition,

1. Without organized services, it will be a challenge for the churches here to pay their expenses, since they are not accustomed to anything besides cash offerings.
2. Plans to purchase new facilities for the church in New City are on hold for now.
3. We have temporarily suspended classes at our Bible Institute, and are not yet set up for online classes.

Please lift up the work here in prayer, and pray for Brazil during this time of crisis, that believers will be revived, unbelievers will be redeemed, and God will be mightily glorified!

Please pray also for us as we hope to fly back to the States at the beginning of May. We anticipate delays and cancellations, but we truly hope we can make it back, if the Lord is willing. Although Keila's graduation at the beginning of May has been cancelled, we will still need the time to self-quarantine before hopefully starting our furlough travels sometime in the summer. Of course we also anticipate some possible cancellations or postponements in our furlough schedule, but we will leave that in the capable hands of our Lord. Please pray for us and other missionaries during this time, and know that we pray regularly for you, and are grateful for your sacrifice in times of economic and social crisis.

On another more exciting note, on Saturday, February 22, Micah Moos asked our daughter Keila to marry him! Of course, it was a secret to her, but he had already called us on December 3 to ask us for her hand in marriage. It was hard for us to not say anything to her (or anybody else) all the time she was here with us in December and January, especially since she was expecting him to show up here at any moment to pop the question, but she got a wonderful surprise upon returning to the States, and now she is ecstatic! They both came down in March to formalize their engagement with our family here, and they made it back to Texas just in time for lock-down there. Their wedding is **tentatively** planned for September as they now seek out venues. Please pray for them as they both look for better jobs (hey, at least they have jobs, right?), as well as a place to live.



Finally, please pray for Stacy as she plans on starting college in the fall, Lord willing. She is excited about her future and how she can best serve the Lord with her planned music degree. It will be difficult for Antonia and me to travel without either of our daughters, but we are also excited for them, as well as for what God has for us in the continued ministry here in Brazil.

Thank you for your faithfulness to our Lord! May God bless you in amazing ways!

*"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God..." Acts 26:18a*