

March/April 2019

## Our Family

Zach - Jan. 7, 1984

Sara - Jan. 28, 1984

Landon- July 27, 2007

Paige - March 22, 2010

Blake - Oct. 23, 2012

Jackson - Oct. 25, 2013

Tori - Feb. 20, 2015

Lawson - Dec. 29, 2017

### Anniversary

June 2, 2006

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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;” – Psalm 107:2. How exciting it is to be involved in a new church plant! This verse was the theme of the first anniversary of New Life Baptist Church in Guacuri. God truly blessed this two-day event with first-time visitors and decisions made. It was a special blessing as the church people saw this verse being lived out in their lives:



1) **Personal evangelism**-we had several bring their first visitors to church. 2) **Personal testimonies**-each service we were able to hear testimonies of how the Lord has changed their lives. 3) **Personal baptism**-we held our first baptism service to close out our conference. We had five follow the Lord in believer's baptism!

Nineteen years ago, Bro. Thomas Gilmer, a 50-year veteran missionary, and his church were given two pieces of land to start a church in the neighborhood of Guacuri. There have been several attempts to start a church during the years, but until 2017 nothing had ever materialized. In 2018, we had a construction ministry from the states visit to see about the possibility of building a church on this site, but their conclusion was that the land was not useable. The property we are currently renting is a house on a corner lot which is the perfect place to build. If we were to purchase the current property, this group would return to Brazil and build an actual church building for us. Please pray with us as we try to sell these two properties and purchase the land at our current location.

In our last letter, we asked prayer for our pastor who was battling shingles. The virus started on his arm around Christmas time and by the end of February the virus had made its way to his brain. On March 4, our pastor went home to be with the Lord. God was so gracious and provided for Sara and me to fly back to the states to be with our church during his passing. We mourn because we are selfish and want him here with us, but we rejoice because we know that he is in glory with Jesus Christ our Lord. Please pray for our pastor's wife, Paula, and his four daughters and their families as they begin this next phase of life without him. Lastly, please pray for our church as they seek the Lord's perfect will in calling the next pastor to lead Bible Baptist Church.

Thank you so much for the impact you all have made in our lives and ministry. Thank you for your love and support. We pray for the Lord's blessings on you and your families as you continue to serve Him. Your friend and servant,

Your missionaries to Brazil,

Zach, Sara, Landon, Paige, Blake, Jackson, Tori & Lawson Bruner

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