



# Kovach Ministries

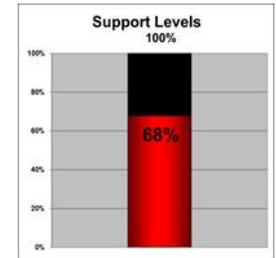
## Dear Supporters and Praying Friends,

We pray that each of you had a blessed and merry Christmas and a great New Years! December was our first real break and time to rest. We were blessed to be able to share Christmas with friends and family for the first time in many years! In one sense, it felt a little odd staying in one spot for three weeks as we have become accustomed to logging upwards of 5,000 miles a month in travel. We have towed a pretty intensive schedule, more often being in 2 churches per Sunday as well as a church on Wednesday. When missionaries are on deputation, they pass through hundreds of churches, but all those churches are spread over a period of years. When you are on furlough you strive to get back to as many churches as you are able to in roughly 52 weeks. Even then, it is logistically impossible to get back to all of them in one furlough and will have to report back when we come back for our next furlough.

We were excited to receive our new prayer cards and were pleased with the look. The background is that of an area near our house which shows an average street in Brazil. We have been working hard to get envelopes stuffed with about 100 cards each and mailed out to our churches and supporters. For the churches where we have not been able to get back to yet, we have also included a USB Flash drive with our presentation video on it for you to show to your church family so that they can see the updated work in Brazil.

It is hard to believe that our time in the States is drawing to an end. We are extremely excited to be back in Brazil and resume our ministry there and currently have tickets reserved for April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have had very blessed meetings and it has been great to reconnect with the churches we have been able to get back to. From now till we head out for Brazil we have all new churches lined up in an effort to regain much needed support. We arrived back in the states with only 40% of our needed support level. Within the past month we have gained 28% and now are at 68% of needed support. Please continue to pray that we will find favor in the

eyes of the new churches we have yet to visit and that we will be able to line up meetings with other new, potential, partnering churches. We have had new families partner with our ministry, new partnering churches, as well current supporting churches which have increased or doubled our support. We are so grateful for the tremendous amount encouragement, prayers, and support we have received and we thank you all.



Please be in prayer as we work to wrap up our time here in the States. As time draws closer to our departure, everything seems to intensify. As we continue the rigorous schedule of travel, we must also begin purchasing bins and supplies for our next term in Brazil. Then, begins the task of packing and labeling everything in the bins for customs officials to inspect upon arrival in Brazil. Also, please be in prayer for our bins that we bring. Theft is a big problem both on the TSA side of things but especially on the Brazilian side. Every time we have traveled to Brazil, we have had various things stolen from our bins. Please pray for God's protection over our belongings as many things cannot be found in Brazil and are essential to our health or ministry. A simple thing like someone stealing a pair of shoes can greatly complicate our trip as Paul is unable to find shoes his size in Brazil.

Our excitement grows on a daily basis, especially as we stay in constant contact with the pastors of the church plants and ministries in Brazil. We are currently working to schedule our year for when we return so we can hit the ground running. The first item on our agenda is to find a house closer to our church starts. When we first moved to Recife, we were looking for anything which would house our family at a low cost. The house met all the criteria, but is a good distance from our works and we are praying about finding something closer to the city which will make life more functional overall. Lord willing, our next prayer letter will be from Brazil! We thank each and every one of you for your prayers and support of our family and ministry

in Brazil. Don't forget you can stay in touch through frequent, quick updates on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/MissionsThroughYou](http://www.facebook.com/MissionsThroughYou) . Also, feel free to contact us through our international number, 812-496-0198. It is based out of Indiana and will reach us in Brazil. Finally, we do have our website back up and running. It is

[www.kovachministries.com](http://www.kovachministries.com) Again, thank you all for the refreshment we have received on furlough and we plead with you to not forget us as we do the Lord's work in Brazil! God bless, and may the Lord watch between us as we are apart. Until we meet again, here...there...or in the air!

**Working as hard as we can,  
To do as much as we can,  
While we still can,  
For the Kingdom of God!**

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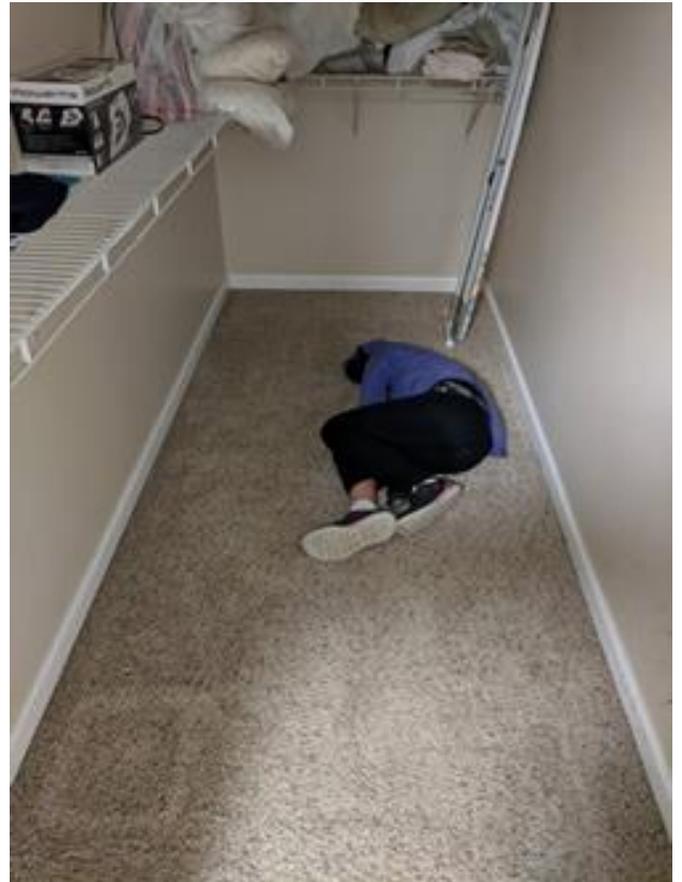
# Brazilian Fruit



...that abounds to your account! Below are some recent photos of the ongoing ministry in Brazil.



Worth his weight in chocolate!



All the traveling, packing, and unpacking can be downright exhausting!



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A joyous Christmas with Family and Friends!



Clearance Halloween costumes from Wal-Mart make great Christmas Gifts...



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Dental work time!  
My first canal. A  
dentist in Brazil  
broke my tooth.  
Time to finally fix it!



Heading back to Brazil with a stove-top  
water distiller. No more worries about clean  
drinking water!



Definitely missionary kids....enjoying  
their lollipops...with a dried scorpion in  
the middle.



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Family Photo Time!

