

Terry, Simone and Sarah Moving South in Brazil



WELL, WE HAVE FINALLY DONE IT. AFTER A YEAR OF PRAYING AND DREAMING WE ARE HERE. WE HAVE MOVED TO CURITIBA, IN THE SOUTH OF BRAZIL. AND SINCE ARRIVING WE FEEL SURER THAN EVER THAT THIS WAS THE RIGHT MOVE AND GOD'S WILL FOR US. UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE PERMANENT TO LIVE YET, SUCH IS LIFE, BUT WE WILL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THAT IN A MOMENT!



LIKE MOST LARGE BRAZILIAN CITIES CURITIBA IS A MIX OF WEALTH AND POVERTY.

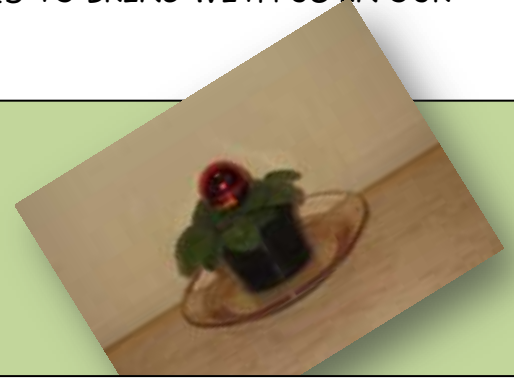
HOWEVER, UNLIKE MOST BRAZILIAN CITIES CURITIBA ALSO HAS SOME INCREDIBLE BEAUTIFUL PLACES. CULTURALLY IT IS ALSO VERY DIFFERENT TO WHERE WE USED TO LIVE.



SARAH LOVES THE NEW CITY. THIS IS A REAL ANSWER TO PRAYER AS WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT MOVING HER 1400KM AWAY FROM ALL HER FRIENDS. SHE ALSO LIKES THE FACT THAT IT IS COLD HERE!



AS WE SAID, WE HAVEN'T MOVED INTO A PERMANENT PLACE YET. WE ARE AT THE MOMENT IN TEMPORARY ACCOMODATION. ACTUALLY, WE ARE IN A VERY SMALL ONE BEDROOM FLAT WHICH IS A BIT CRAMPED TO SAY THE LEAST. WE ALSO HAVE NO PHONE AND NO INTERNET. ACTUALLY, AT PRESENT WE ONLY HAVE WHAT WE MANAGED TO BRING WITH US IN OUR RENAULT CLIO.



NEEDLESS TO SAY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ARE A LITTLE SCARCE. BUT NEVER MIND, WE HAVE NOW FOUND A LARGER FLAT AND HOPEFULLY EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE IN.

WE ARE ALSO REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW BIBLE COLLEGE (FATEV) WHERE WE ARE GOING TO WORK. NOT ONLY IS IT A GREAT PLACE BUT THE PEOPLE WHO WORK HERE ALSO HAVE A REAL PASSION TO REACH OUT TO THE POOR AND URBAN PEOPLE. WE ALREADY FEEL AT HOME HERE. GOD HAS REALLY ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS!



Sarah's Schooling

WE ALSO HAVE FOUND A GREAT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR SARAH AND SHE SHOULD BE STARTING IN FEBRUARY. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE SARAH IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT.

IN BRAZIL HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO GET A REASONABLE STANDARD OF EDUCATION YOU HAVE TO PAY. THIS MEANS THAT WE NEED TO RAISE AROUND £100 A MONTH EXTRA. WE ARE PRAYING THAT GOD WILL RAISE UP 10 PEOPLE WHO ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT SARAH'S EDUCATION £10 PER MONTH FOR AS LONG AS THEY FEEL CALLED AND ABLE TO DO SO. IF YOU THINK THAT YOU COULD BE ONE OF THESE PEOPLE PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US.



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PRAYER & PRAISE

1) PRAISE GOD WE FOUND A FLAT THAT WE LIKED TO RENT. IT WAS OUT OF OUR PRICE RANGE SO WE PUT IN A LOWER OFFER AND INCREDIBLY THE OWNER HAS ACCEPTED IT. PRAISE GOD FOR THIS.

2) LINKED TO THE ABOVE WE ARE NOW TRYING TO GET THE BUREAUCRATIC PAPERWORK SORTED SO THAT WE CAN MOVE INTO THE FLAT IN THE NEW YEAR. PLEASE PRAY THAT THIS CAN BE SORTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3) PRAISE GOD FOR THE WONDERFUL SCHOOL WE HAVE FOUND FOR SARAH. PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL RAISE UP THE EXTRA FINANCIES WE NEED TO SEND HER THERE.

4) ALTHOUGH WE ARE OFFICIALLY ON HOLIDAY AT PRESENT WE ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO THINK ABOUT THE NEW COURSES WE WILL BE TEACHING NEXT YEAR. PLEASE PRAY FOR US AS WE PREPARE THEM.

5) PRAY ESPECIALLY THAT GOD WILL SHOW US JUST HOW AND WHERE WE CAN BE BEST INVOLVED WITH REACHING OUT TO THE POOR IN THE CITY.

6) WE DON'T KNOW IF IT HAS MADE THE ENGLISH NEWS BUT A COUPLE OF HUNDREND KMs DOWN THE ROAD FROM WHERE WE NOW LIVE FLOODING HAS LEFT THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HOMELESS, AND IT IS STILL RAINING. PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE AFFECTED.

HAVE A GREAT
CHRISTMAS
AND DON'T
GET TO
STRESSED



Terry, Simone
and a very laid back Sarah