

Update #3 from Steve & Mendi Everett on February 5, 2021



Great News!

Over the past month, we have been asking God to show us our next ministry trip. We've asked you to pray and many of you have told us that you are. Lord willing, we plan to go to Brasil from March 18-29th, next month. Words aren't quite adequate to express how much we appreciate you and thank God for you.

We had a video conference with our Brazilian partner, Edson, who is at the retreat center. We spent a month there last year and came back right when COVID hit. Most ministry related to starting a church plant came to a screeching halt. As we were talking today, we all recognized that for a time, it was understandable to hunker down and wait. Now that we are on this side of the calendar and not much has changed, we also recognize that our enemy has taken advantage of the situation and is using it to put up greater barriers to building redemptive relationships in this climate.

In talking to Edson, we agreed that one idea is to invite families one, that he

has started building relationships with, over one at a time for an couple of hours in the afternoon for an outside visit. Additionally we could go from house to house near the retreat center to do a survey from the front porch and open lines of communication with those whom he has never had contact with before and try to gauge their spiritual interest.

We will plan to make sure and mask up, keep appropriate distance, wash hands, and be wise in our dealings with others. But we must continue the great commission even under these inconvenient conditions.

So this is the plan that we are laying before the Lord:

*To encourage Edson in continuing building relationships, join him in making new contacts, and to work on small projects around the retreat center. We know that there are more variables for this trip than other trips before and we are trusting God for the outcome.

If you would like to contribute to this trip, you can do [so here](#) and mark it "Brasil ministry trip." We are still lacking \$2500 towards our tickets and some expenses related to the trip.

Again, we appreciate you and your faithful part in our lives and ministry. Thank you!

Blessings!

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