



The Bells

Team Church Planting in Brazil



September 2012

Anthony had his nine month doctors visit this past week. While going over his eating habits, his doctor listed some do's and don'ts and ended by telling me about another mom who had come to him with questions about her child's diet. Apparently, this mom was under the impression that "baby carrots" were so called because they were meant to be eaten by babies. The doctor kindly informed her that those particular carrots are named for their size, not for their intended consumer! It is doubtful that any of us would make the mistake that this mother did. We probably all understand that a nine month old is neither ready to consume nor to digest whole carrots. Gradually he has to work through several stages of food, grow most of his teeth, and learn to chew properly before he will be ready to safely eat whole carrots and other vegetables. The preparation takes time and patience.

Brandon and I are ready to be in Brazil, actively involved in the ministry to which God has called us. But we, too, are being prepared. As we look back over past travels and then to future travels, we can clearly see how God is patiently growing us, preparing us, and preparing the work in Brazil in His perfect timing. He is growing our faith in Him. He is growing our friendships and our faithful prayer support, without which our ministry would be ineffective. He is preparing the work in Brazil before we even get there in ways that we may never know. If given the option to fly to Brazil tomorrow, we would take it! Yet, we know that God will get us there in His perfect time. Just as we prepare Anthony so that one day he will be able to chow down on those baby carrots, God is preparing us for when we reach Brazil and begin His work there.

This summer we have been encouraged and blessed by the many new friends we have made. Since our move to Watertown, WI, in April we have had a meeting in a new church almost every weekend. We had the opportunity to be involved in three camps in various capacities, teaching, sharing our ministry, and spending time in fellowship with pastors and their families. What a blessing to have the opportunity to become better acquainted with those whom He has called to pastor in the United States, the ever growing mission field! The Lord has provided several opportunities to share the gospel recently, including several times in Spanish (another way that God prepares His people for specific tasks).

Over the next two months, we have meetings most weekends. At the end of November, Brandon will be traveling to Brazil along with several members of our team as part of a survey trip. Brandon will also be finalizing his permanent visa during this trip. It will be a huge relief to finish this long process! Thank you so much for your faithful prayers!

Looking to HIM,
Brandon, Regina, and Anthony Bell
Heb. 12:1-3
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*Above: Anthony hit it off with the staff members from Camp Chetek in Chetek, WI.
Below: Anthony with some of our new friends from Northland Baptist Church in Hannibal, WI.*

Current Percentage of Monthly Support:
24%

Praise.

- We are very thankful for Life Gate Baptist Church in Hixson, TN for partnering with us through monthly financial support!
- Our schedule for 2013 is beginning to fill up!

Prayer.

- Pray for Brandon as he travels to Brazil with several members of our team for a survey trip at the end of November
- That God would continue provide meetings for us in 2013.

Up-Coming Meetings

- *September 30*
First Baptist Austin, MN
- *October 14*
Faith Baptist N. Port Washington, WI
- *October 21-25*
Round Robin Missions Conference;
Faith Baptist; Sauk Centre, MN
- *October 28*
Cornerstone Baptist Montevideo, MN
- *November 4-5*
Calvary Baptist Pontiac, IL

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