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REACHING GAUCHOS WITH THE GOSPEL

The **Nathan Ring Family**
to **Brazil**



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Matters of Prayer

Praise the Lord:

- WE ALL HAVE PERMANENT VISAS
- Spiritual Growth in our lives
- Another church partnered with us
- Safety on long roads

Pray for:

- Progress on Deputation
- Nathan and Sarah to choose to walk in the Spirit daily
- Protection as we travel
- Christ enabling power to train Kai and Mik in nurture and admonition of the LORD

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in Thee. Isaiah 26:4

Progress in Deputation: What is progress in deputation? We have posed this question to many pastors, friends, and family members this summer. Is it merely an **increase in support**? Is it **spiritual growth in our lives**? Is it a combination of both or something completely different? Deputation is a time the LORD is using in our lives to help us grow closer to HIM. We have seen the LORD give specific victories in our lives, specific answers to prayer, and a renewed desire to have "*minds stayed on HIM.*" In Isaiah 26:4, you will find that the word "*mind*" deals with the very framing of thoughts and the very planning of our life. We have found that *perfect peace* as we have sought to make sure every plan and thought of deputation is **stayed on HIM**. We are making progress on deputation! God is teaching us how to walk through life and allow HIM to frame our very basic choices. Yes, you have to have money to go to the field, but without spiritual growth as we go through deputation, *I believe we are not making true progress.* Would you please pray that we would see true progress in our deputation process, primarily spiritually but through increase support.

Permanent Visas in Hand: We spent most of August collecting multiple notarized documents, money orders, and getting a background check. We took all our paperwork to the Brazilian Consulate in Atlanta on August 23. Our prayer, as many know, was for the LORD to give us favor in their sight. We walked in and sat down only to find out we were missing certain Brazilian notarized documents. Praise the LORD, HE answered prayer. Those who worked with us were extremely flexible and allowed us to run around and collect the missing documentation and re-submit our application for Permanent Visas for Sarah and the boys. To our surprise they said that our Visas would be ready within a week. **On September 3rd we picked up Permanent Visas for Sarah, Kai, and Mik.** Many have said they prayed with us that Friday morning we went to apply. Thank you. God answered your prayers.

Partners with us in the ministry: We were in 13 churches in seven states since our last letter. We had another church partner with us this past month, and we had several pastors mention their desire to partner with our ministry. **Our support is currently just over 40%.** We will be in 5 Missions Conferences over the next month. Please pray with us that those the LORD is burdening to partner with us would be willing to make the commitment to partner with our ministry.

Parenting the Boys: While Nathan drives the van, Sarah has a full-time job with the boys. She also has her work cut out for her in many nurseries as Nathan shares the burden for the Gaucho people with the churches. Kai turned 2 years old on August 14th, and he is quick to say, “I two” along with such phrases as, but not limited to: “I need toys,” and “I want yummies” [i.e., food] and “One, two, three, four, nine, ten.” Mik started rolling from tummy to back and is teething. He is 5 months old and has outgrown his car seat. He is currently wearing 12 month clothing. ☺

3 Types of Days: We share this primarily so you can better pray for us on a daily basis. Of course many people express their curiosity in what life is like on deputation and what “the normal day” is like. Although there are a variety of activities and meeting, I think there are 3 primary types of days in our deputation experience. *I do want to remind you this is our experience and others’ may be different.*

On our **Presentation Days**, we share the burden the Lord has given us to reach the Gauchos with the gospel. Everyone watches and expects you to be perfect. Clothing must be perfect, hair must be just right, children must behave, and the presentation must be attractive. We have two choices: we either try to do this in our strength, or we walk in the Spirit and seek to deny our flesh.

On our **Travel Days**, we go between churches. Everything has to be packed in the van, children must be entertained by books, toys, songs, etc. There are usually 6 to 8 hours of driving these days with multiple stops for bathroom breaks, food, stretching, gas, and such. Normally these days take anywhere from 11 to 15 hours on the road between destinations. When we finally arrive at our destination, we then have to unpack all our things, and set up the beds for the boys. Usually the next day everything goes back in the van and we repeat the process. We have two choices on these days. We either try to make it happen in our own strength and get frustrated and miss many divine appointments. Or we seek by God’s grace to walk in the Spirit and seek His enabling power to interact with each other and to deal with the children and see the opportunities to witness that God has given us and trust Him to direct our travels.

On our **In-Between Day**, we get to stay in one location. We can catch up on rest, spend extra time with the LORD, catch up on correspondence, contacting pastors, grocery shopping, cleaning the van, organizing and making sure we refill diaper bags, and anything else that has not gotten done. We have two choices on these days. We can decide that we deserve a break and be lazy and waste the day. Or we can walk in the Spirit and seek to spend extra time with the LORD and seek to build our marriage relationship and train our boys and be diligent to do what must be done.

We are taking an informal survey of how many people read the second page of our letters. Would you be so kind as to email us at thenathanringfamily@gmail.com if you read the second page. Thank you so much.

In Christ,
Nathan , Sarah, Kai and Mik



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