

CARMELO AND SHANNON MARTINEZ

Sending Church
Faith Baptist Church
Kilgore, TX
Pastor Scott Thomas

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Pensacola, FL
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Dear Prayer Partners

Lamentations 3:22, 23 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

Yes, He is all so faithful as we serve Him with sincere hearts, knowing He is in complete control and we can and do trust Him and gladly obey as He leads! The work here in Porto Ferreira continues on. Bro. Messias, the National Pastor has been a blessing to the people here. We are excited that he will be ordained the end of October. Continue to pray for the transition of the work over to him completely. We had a good day of evangelism and revival meeting. There were 87 present and 3 decisions made for Christ, and others that got their hearts right with the Lord, and one man, Dorezeti that has return to be a part of the work here. We appreciate all those that prayed for us, as we traveled on a survey trip to see new areas, to start new works in. We traveled for two weeks and 1500 miles and to the borders of Argentina and Paraguay, a truly needy areas that have no churches. Please pray that as the Lord shows us a place and opens the doors and that He would also supply all that is needed to move. In the areas we have researched we will need 6 months' rent in advance and the cost of a moving truck, and to relocate across country will be about \$5000. Also we ask you to pray for us to be able to get a different vehicle. The roads and terrain are quite different and we will need tougher transportation.



We ask for much needed prayer as we are facing many challenges. When leaving for our trip we tried to get money exchanged to use for expenses. But we were unable to because the banks here are shut down because of protesting. It is uncertain when they will reopen. We discovered that we can withdraw money directly from our American account but this does cost extra to do so, and we have been made aware that there are some US banks that have stopped all out of country withdrawals and transfers. With the banks being shut down we are concerned as to how we will be able to get any money since this is how we have to do it for now. Also the confusion of government problems in the States is affecting all of us missionaries here on the field. We are seeing drastic declines in our support, as well with the holidays upon us we usually see even more of a decline until the beginning of the year, the dollar value is unstable and we are getting word that some churches are closing. We also are still waiting for our documents to be renewed. The process has been delayed and we are not allowed to move out of state until they are complete, and with the problems in the states we are not promised any guarantee they will renew them at all.

We ask prayer for our health as well, we have had bronchial infections because of the mold and fungus when we first arrived 6 months ago, and Shannon has had teeth problems and picked up infectious bacteria that caused blisters on her back and nerve pains. Thankfully we are both getting better.

It's a comfort to know that no matter the challenges and rough days ahead we serve a good God, and all is for a purpose, we can truly trust that He does all things well! Thank you for your prayers and support, and for your encouragement along the way.

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