

# THE HILLIARDS

*Serving our Lord in the Amazon*

## PRAISES

- Quarantine measures are relaxing, and borders are opening again.
- God continues to connect us with new people and opportunities!
- We were able to purchase Bibles for our church!

## PRAAYER REQUESTS

- That quarantine restrictions will relax more for the church so that more people can come and meet in church.
- That we can resolve the flight ticket issues with the airlines.

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Dear supporting churches and friends,

Despite the days seeming long, it seems as though this summer has flown, probably due to the lessening of our quarantine restrictions. Regardless of the circumstances, it has been wonderful to meet with the church family. We do still have some restrictions on services. For example, we must maintain a 4ft distance between chairs, and there is still a time limit of one hour per service. Some things have changed, and others have not since the recent decrees have been very unclear when it comes to “church meeting” restrictions.

Despite these restrictions there have still been many opportunities to minister to people. Nick has been able to give devotional thoughts on Tuesday nights and occasionally preach to the teens. We have invited people from the church to our home to get to know them more and better understand their culture from their perspectives. We also recently have been getting to know our new neighbors, and they have been teaching us more about the cultures of both Brazil and the Ticuna, the largest indigenous group in this area. All these situations have been helpful in challenging us to better learn the language.

We made a short trip to Manaus this last month and were able to purchase Bibles for Igreja Batista Emanuel, the church we attend. This may seem strange to report on, but it is very difficult to buy Bibles in Tabatinga due to its isolation. If one were to order Bibles and have them shipped here, the price of shipping is often much more than the Bibles themselves! We pray and hope that these Bibles will encourage the growth of new converts in this church.

We also would like to inform you that we are coming back for a short furlough sometime in November. We had a specific flight date, but due to Columbia’s extreme restrictions and the uncertainty surrounding the airline industry, our tickets have been an interesting adventure of their own. If you would, please pray that we are able to get a confirmation on flight dates.

Because we have told Gabriel that after his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday we will be returning to the states, he is continually asking if he is 5 yet! Gabriel is also beginning to speak *Ens pangagese*.... a mix of English, Portuguese, and Spanish! Adelyn currently talks to everyone and seemingly does not care if anyone can understand her. Caleb is growing quickly and becoming more independent every day. We are looking forward to them meeting as many of you as possible during our furlough! Thank you again for your prayers and support during these “crazy” times.

Until the next adventure!  
In His Service,  
Nick & Shaney Hilliard

*“Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named...” ROMANS 15:20A*