

# THE HILLIARDS

*Serving our Lord in the Amazon*

## PRaises

- Increased support!
- New opportunities for river travel.

November/December 2019

Dear supporting churches and friends,

We trust that you all had a wonderful holiday season! Being able to celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's make the end and beginning of each year so special! This was our first full year on the field here in the Tres Fronteiras, and God has been faithful beyond our expectations—as always!! Many of you may remember that we came to the field under supported in order to have our son Caleb born in Brazil which would greatly expedite the visa process, well despite being at 88% of our support level in coming here, God has blessed us with 97.7% through regular support and love offerings from churches and individuals along the way. We are also grateful that 3 more churches picked us up during the year. God has been good!

## PRayer Requests

- Nick's visa process. Progress has been made, but it's still not complete.
- This year's river trips. That new relationships can be built, and the seeds of the Gospel will be planted.

We will continue language learning as we enter this new year. We have a new tutor that will begin teaching us in February. We have acquired many language skills this last year, but we will continue refining those skills with a tutor throughout our first term. We are thankful for all the opportunities and people that God has put in our path to help us learn more about our region.

The children all continue to grow rapidly, both physically and socially. Gabriel now uses a limited Portuguese vocabulary—counting, basic commands, etc. Adelyn has also been expressing more of a desire to talk in general. She has slowly been increasing in her vocabulary, mostly due to the fact that she hears 3 different languages. Caleb has started letting go of our hands and walking. We celebrated his birthday on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and are amazed at how fast his first year has flown by.

Nick is looking forward to this year with anticipation. He will continue teaching the children at the church when needed, but he will also be taking a few river trips with some of the local pastors. He is excited about building upon the relationships that these pastors have with river communities. This will be a steppingstone to working with the indigenous peoples.

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If you would like to support our ministry you can send it to our supporting church at the address below.

*Sending Church Information:*

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Shaney just returned from the States with Caleb, who by the way, experienced his first visit to "home." At the end of November, Shaney's grandfather unexpectedly passed away and she was able to fly home for the funeral. She was also able to attend a childhood friend's wedding in December. We are thankful for the time she and Caleb were able to spend with friends and family but are mostly thankful that heaven is now the permanent residency of her grandfather.

Thank you all for your prayers, support, and love over this last year and for the opportunity to be your ambassadors for the Gospel in the Amazon.

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*