

THE HILLIARDS

Serving our Lord in the Amazon

PRAISES

- God gave us the opportunity and finances to purchase a car, with child locks!
- Building relationships in our area!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Language learning & our tutors
- Logistics and safety for the upcoming medical trip (May 20th-30th)

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Dear supporting churches and friends,

“Bom Dia dos Tres Fronteiras das Amazonas!” “Good morning from the Three Borders of the Amazon!” Thank you all for your continued prayer and support, as these last two months have offered somewhat of a new routine for our family. We have spent the last two months solely in Tabatinga, and it has been wonderful getting truly acquainted with the area in which we live.

We have learned so much over the last two months. We have found that shopping for some of our groceries and other items are cheaper in Leticia, Colombia; while some of our other needs are cheaper here on the Brazilian side. There truly is an advantage to living on the border--we just have to work harder on the language barriers!

Language learning started into full swing last month. The Lord blessed us with two tutors who are helping us greatly in our pronunciation, grammar, and culture. One of our tutors is completing her degree in Portuguese. The other is a military colonel and his wife (who is a teacher of Portuguese professionally). Currently, both of our tutors are out of town dealing with some health and family issues. Please be in prayer for them, and also for us as we continue learning Portuguese in their absence.

The kids are growing so quickly! Gabriel’s highlights are church, riding his bike, and playing with puzzles. Despite not speaking Portuguese yet, he always finds a way to play with the other kids. Adelyn, though not our Brazilian-born child, loves everything here! From the leaves on the ground to traditional Brazilian foods, we feel that she is our “Little Amazonian.” Caleb has grown so much over the last two months. He is only 4 months old, yet he is now wearing 9-12 month clothes, grabbing everything, and talking all the time. We are so blessed that they are all healthy and thriving here!

In our previous letter, we had mentioned our desire to buy a Tuk-Tuk. However, God had better plans. We are actually going to be purchasing a car with child-locks, and we are very excited about that!

Please be in prayer for us over the next several months, as our lives will be getting very busy. Mother’s Day is a big event here, and Shaney is already helping to get things accomplished for that event. Nick is going on a medical trip at the end of May, which will be particularly focused on Colombian villages. The next medical trip is scheduled for July, and that will focus on both Colombian and Peruvian river villages. We will also be returning to Manaus in the next few months to receive our permanent residency visas.

We look forward to continually updating you on our new life here 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