

Hannah and Tim Latin Link

Serving Marginalised Communities in Brazil and South Sudan

Dear friends,

Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning. Proverbs 9:9

This month Rita has learnt to roll over twice in a row and to blow raspberries. We have learnt that she can roll faster than we can catch her! Through Rita, God teaches us about the depths of his love and patience.

We want Rita to grow up loving South Sudan, as well as Brazil and the UK. Hannah has been learning to cook South Sudanese dishes with the help of this website: <https://tasteofsouthsudan.com/kebda-liver-stew/> This week she made chopped liver stew with spinach in peanut sauce. It's very easy to make: try it out at home!

We would like you to pray for 3 South Sudanese friends and their families: Our friend Elli, currently studying for ordination in Nigeria, hopes to reopen the school attached to his church, Nuru Baptist Church, in Juba. The school closed 2 years ago due to lack of funds. However, many children in his community have stopped going to school altogether as travelling to another school is too difficult. Reopening the school will cost \$10,000 per year. Pray for the partnership between his church and another church in Nigeria, and that the Nigerian church would catch their vision for education. And if you can help, get in touch!

In Abyei, government schools have closed due to lack of funds. To be fair to the new administration, there have been severe delays in receiving funds from the government in Juba. However, some other streams of income have risen. Please pray that reopening the schools would be a priority. Church schools remain open. It remains possible, for those interested, to sponsor teachers at the church schools, so that more classes can be opened.

Two friends are working with Muslim-background believers from Darfur who have arrived in Juba. Many are squatting in houses abandoned by others who have fled Juba. Our friends report that the recent converts are desperate to learn, and some want to return to Darfur to share what they have learnt. A large fellowship has been formed and discipleship classes are being run for both leaders and ordinary members. God is still working in Juba despite the exodus, rising costs and crime there.

In Gaibu, school is often more about babysitting and crowd-

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Dressed up for the first week of the marriage course

Please be praying:

Pray for our South Sudanese friends as they serve the local church and communities under stressful and increasingly difficult circumstances. Pray that schools would be reopened and that God would continue to do incredible things in these challenging times

Give thanks for the car we have just bought, which will facilitate our ministry with quilombolas. Pray for clarity regarding our future ministry location as we make exploratory trips to quilombola communities throughout Brazil.

Give thanks that we have finally managed to set up a Brazilian bank account!

Thank God for good attendance and responses from 4 couples on the marriage course we are running. Pray that the course will result in strong, godly marriages in Gaibu. Probable dates for October are 8th, 22nd & 29th.

control rather than learning. Educator Paulo Freire, the subject of Hannah's MA, was born in nearby Recife, but many schools use methods that are the polar opposite of his. Many children attending the local municipal school can't write more than their name at 10+ years of age. We are pleased that CADI Gaibu has succeeded in a bid to conduct literacy workshops for teenagers and the older family of CADI kids on behalf of the Paulo Freire Institute.

Freire is also an influence on the way CADI delivers the *Letra Viva* (Living Word) Bible studies which we continue to produce. The current theme is the fruits of the Spirit. We hope to learn from the children as they reinterpret their communities in the light of scripture. We ask them questions like (from the study on love): What kinds of love are promoted through Brazilian *novelas* (soap-operas), pop music & other popular culture? What impact does the promotion of these kinds of love above all other types have in our communities? What kind of love do we see in the Bible? Does love have more to do with our feelings or our actions? We don't come with pre-prepared answers, and often the responses are surprising!

In early October, CADI is also due to start weekly activities in Areal, one of the most marginalised communities in Gaibu. In the first week, we will be helping the children to draw maps of their community so we can learn about Areal from their perspective, and finding out what activities they would most value.

The marriage course we are running with 4 couples from our church has been going well so far. Keep praying for commitment for the couples in attending and doing the 'homework' exercises, but mainly for deepening commitment in their relationships and that we would see some of them marry over the next year.

We continue to make exploratory visits to potential locations in preparation for starting a new ministry with quilombola communities next year. Here is a partial itinerary from October:

11-17th October – Visiting a pastor working with quilombolas in Natal (300km north of Gaibu)

13-19th November – Training in João Pessoa with JUVEP for missionaries working with quilombolas

19th November – Hannah's parents arrive for 3 weeks!

February 18– Latin Link International Assembly in Guatemala

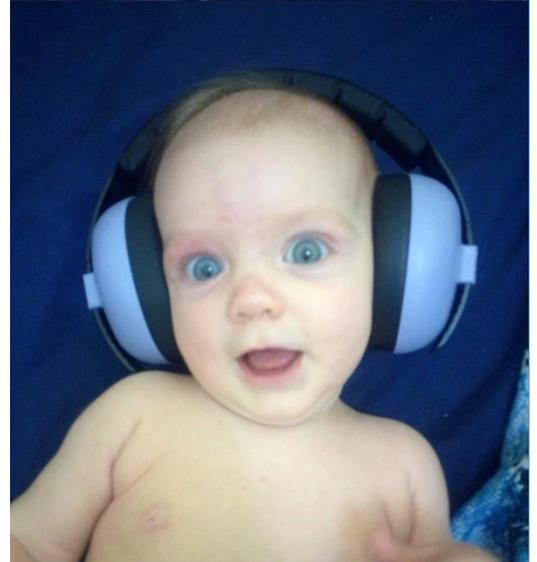
The new car God provided for us will be very helpful for many of these long journeys. Please pray for our safety and for Rita as she hasn't enjoyed car journeys since arriving in Brazil.

Pray that we would continue to have an attitude of humility in learning from others. We are grateful for all that we have learnt from our supporters, of God's love and generous provision.

Love and solidarity, Hannah, Tim and Rita



Above: South Sudanese food. Below: Marriage course



Above: Gaibu can be noisy. Below: Loving Rita



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