

Hannah and Tim

Latin Link

Serving Marginalised Communities in Brazil and South Sudan

Dear friends,

We have now decided where we will move within Brazil:

Custódia is a small town of 40,000 people, 6-7 hours drive west of Recife in Pernambuco state. It has 10 quilombola communities within an hour's drive. We will live in the city and drive out to the communities. We will work with Pr Neto and his wife Tânia, part of Betel Brasileiro church. Their church has a large congregation in the city centre with lots of youth keen to be involved in outreach, as well as a well-established church plant in a suburb where they are starting a project similar to CADI. They have started work in two quilombola communities - one where a congregation is established and another where they have just started monthly services but where there is a lot of discipleship to do. There may also be opportunities to teach at a seminary in the future. We are excited about the possibilities in Custódia. It ticks our strategic boxes and we got on very well with Neto and Tânia.

We will visit Custódia for a week from 10th May to look for a house to rent and talk more with Neto & Tânia. We will move in June/July. Thank you for praying as we discerned God's will.

Musings of a Missionary Mum: Snapping or savouring?

One is an important age in Brazil. Perhaps it has its origins as a celebration of a child's survival when infant mortality rates were high. Or perhaps it is just a good excuse for a party. Rita's first birthday last month was an important event in Gaibu. We were blessed by how our friends made food, decorations and spent hours stringing up balloons to make the perfect party.

For me the important thing was to include our friends and thank them for their part in Rita's life. I wanted them to enjoy the party. But many were most interested in capturing it on camera. The presentation of the food table was important to them, and having beautiful photos to relive the moment. It's partly a cultural difference. But in faith terms, we need to 'snap' and 'savour': enjoy God's presence but also remember his acts; live out our faith in the moment, but also record stories for future generations, so stories of what God has done are not lost.

Teachers for Abyei: help us do more!

Last month we mentioned our plans to recruit more primary school teachers in Abyei. We have now recruited 3 teachers for Mijak Primary School. It would be great to do more! If you would like to get involved, please get in touch.

Love & solidarity, Tim, Hannah & Rita Nyanabyei x

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Above: Sabãa community near Custódia.
Below: us with Neto & Tânia.



Please be praying:

- For Fr Biong who has an eye infection and is in Cairo seeking treatment. Keep praying God will grant him the opportunity for rest and further study.
- For the success of the Abyei Teacher sponsorship programme, and for others to join us so it can be extended from next year and to more schools.

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