



## Robert & Simone Tully

### Missionaries in Maceió,

Dear praying friends,

In Philippians 1:27 we read, “that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” How wonderful it is to have the bond of the Holy Spirit uniting His children. That bond became especially clear during our recent six week, very busy furlough. We were with brethren we hadn’t seen in many years, yet it felt as if we had only just parted. The spirit was very sweet and the parting exceedingly bitter.

This trip took us to four countries: the United States, England, Ireland, and Portugal. In Europe, we spoke at mission-emphasis services in supporting churches. It was precious to spend time with friends and family back “home,” something we have done very little of in the twenty years since we left.

In Preston, England, we experienced a special blessing when the church honored us for 20 years of service on the field. It was particularly poignant because the pastor of Wycliffe Memorial, Dave Solt, was our pastor before we left London. In addition to that, his son Daniel—whom we’ve known since he was a baby—is now also serving the Lord in England. It is a real joy to stand shoulder to shoulder in the Lord’s work with those who have been a part of our spiritual journey.

In Maceió, the folks did a splendid job keeping everything running during our absence. Since our last letter, over ~~187~~<sup>222</sup> souls have trusted Christ.

Many of you have asked for a health update. Simone is recovering wonderfully; motion and use of her knee are back, with very little to no pain at times. She continues her prescribed exercises and is using fewer pain medications. Michelle’s cancer has “parked” itself—there has been no growth for several months and even some slight shrinkage. We would, of course, love to see the tumor disappear entirely, but this is an extremely encouraging situation. We deeply appreciate your prayers which have been crucial in the healing process.

Before leaving for our trip in October, we held a special service to commemorate the church’s 20th anniversary. We brought in a speaker from the state of Paraíba for the occasion. You can see photos and video from that week, as well as other activities and ministries, on our newest video update. It is available to download for anyone interested.

Thank you so much for sharing in our work for the Lord here in Maceió, Brazil, over the last twenty years.

Until He comes,

**Robert & Simone**

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