

Spying The Land



Blessed is the man whose strength is in You. Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca they make it a spring. The rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength. Each one appears before God in Zion. Psalm 84:5-7

As some of you may already know our family is going through the Valley Of Baca right now. Baca literally means weeping. And if it wasn't for the promises of springs to refresh us and the hope of showers of blessings in the midst of this dreadful valley, we would be crying out rivers. On Thursday, Feb 15, 2007 two bullets were aimed and fired at our home one actually penetrating the front glass window and just two feet away from where Erika was laying on the couch. It was at 8:30 PM so all the kids were sleeping. So here come the springs. The bullet hit a 1 1/2 inch wide wood frame of the couch that sits in front of the window and bounced back onto the window sill. The glass broken didn't completely shatter and is a piece of the window that can be inexpensively and easily replaced. The hole on the couch isn't even that big and can't even be noticed. Now here are the pools of blessings. Six officers were witnessed to and a neighbor actually came to know the Lord! The kids also remained asleep through the whole thing and no one got hurt. This Valley of Sorrow has had its toll on us but as the Psalm says, anyone who

sets his heart on pilgrimage will undoubtedly pass through this valley. It is now our time and it comes with sorrows and springs, its deserts and its rain pools. We are encouraged that this valley is also the catalyst that God is using to bring our strength to a deeper strength. A strength that is in Him. Aware of this we press on towards the goal and the race marked out for us. Which for now is our upcoming trip to Brazil in May. We are praying for clarity for the next steps in our journey to Ceara. We are even open to the possibility of purchasing property if God makes it abundantly obvious. We want nothing more than His Will. We will be staying in the small fishing village of Paracuru about an hour's drive from the main city of Fortaleza. On the map, Paracuru is in the middle. The pictures you see are all of Paracuru. It has a main town square in front of a church where the whole town gets together for any event. There are about 30,000 people in this town which has both arid beach and agricultural farm land. It is a top tourist spot as well. Our flight is on April 30 returning on May 31. At some point Pastor Robert will be joining us and he and Alex will be pounding some pavement or dirt path lifting up the city, its people and the paths that God has for us. They will be seeking God's divine appointment as they meet people and go places.

believe, is showing us that as we are experiencing this personal valley and yet be refreshed by the springs found in its midst; God wants to open the flood gates of heaven and rain down His Spirit on this dry and thirsty land. He is promising pools of blessings. How exciting!



We want to encourage you on your pilgrimage, on your trek to know Him more and to seek His face. If you are in the Valley of Baca or experiencing a refreshing spring or maybe wading in the pools always remember each one will appear before the Most Holy One, the King of kings and Lord of lords, The Great I AM, God in Zion.

In His Love
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In many ways, Brazil is a Valley of Baca. There is a lot of suffering there. It is a spiritually dry place filled with occultism or prosperity based religiosity. But God, I

Pray for

A safe trip in May for the whole family.

God's guidance to meet the contacts that are needed to establish a base in Ceara.

A possible land to purchase.

Alex and Pastor Robert as they seek the Lord and spy the land together.

Your own pilgrimage

