

Hello Everybody,

There are two very exciting pieces of information that I'd like to share right now.

Yesterday, I got a call from headquarters, and Marla and I have officially been cleared by OMS to return to Brazil effective in January. God is good!

Now let's rewind just a bit and get you all caught up on how God has been working these past several months. As you all know, Marla and I returned home from the Brazil last August, with the intent of having our second child, raising the support necessary and then returning to Brazil by August of 2009. Now we said August because we liked the round figure of a year, but we knew that we'd be back when God opened the doors for us to return.

Humanly speaking we were greatly delayed in our traditional support raising because of the many complications surrounding Noelle's birth. As the calendar pages began turning faster and faster new support was beginning to trickle in, but even we could see that our return by August wasn't very likely. It's funny because every time I was about to hit freak out mode, and start to complain to God, His peace would fill me, and I knew that in His timing we WOULD be back.

August came and went, and then we geared up for our September travels. I went down to Brazil while Marla took the girls to visit her parents in Alaska. While I was at those meetings I could see some of the strategic reasons God could have had up his sleeves for our delay. When I returned back to Oregon, I remained confident that we'd be back in God's timing. Well, in early October I sent an email to you all which I closed with a plain request for people to pray about partnering with us financially. To be honest, we weren't completely prepared for what God did next.

In one week's time God had increased our monthly pledges to the point where we are now completely funded! We were shocked, but not really surprised. God can do whatever God wants, whenever He wants. We are just so thankful for the faithfulness of so many of you in all of this. It is truly an honor to represent you down in Brazil. Though the initial pledges were made almost a month ago, we wanted to wait until we had official 100% clearance before we told you.

You might also be interested to know that as of today we have one way airline tickets reserved for January 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Jesus!

So what is the other piece of information??? Well, Marla and I finally broke down and started a blog. I know what you are thinking... "I thought you already had a blog?" Well, if you had ever visited that blog, you would have known how poorly done it truly was. We started from scratch this time, and we are planning on posting twice a week. The blog is called "Focusing" and can be found at:

[www.micahandmarla.com](http://www.micahandmarla.com)

It is a ministry as well as a family blog, and has separate pages where we will be constantly be updating our prayer requests as well as pictures and videos. The entries won't have cliff notes because they'll not be very long in the first place. We will still send out these group emails and also having them on the blog as attached PDF files. If you're interested in reading a good Samara story today, Marla posted one earlier this week entitled "Trip to the Moon." The navigation links to our other pages (prayer requests page, video & pictures, etc) can be found right under our family picture on the right hand side of the page.

Well, I won't be wordy today, just wanted to share our excitement.

Thanks for being a part of this,  
For the only Cause that matters,  
Micah and Marla