"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" Isaiah 6:8

Dear family and friends,

That verse is the one we keep coming back to this year, not just because it explains why we went to Brazil in the first place, but because it's the same verse that's carrying us through this furlough. Being sent doesn't end when the plane leaves the runway. We're still sent people while we're standing in your living rooms and church lobbies this fall, and we're asking the Lord to use that.

Every month, our students memorize a new Bible verse together. Last month, one of them, an eight-year-old named Gil, spent his free time helping his friends remember the words they'd all been learning. Patient, encouraging, a little proud of himself. If you'd met Gil a year ago, you wouldn't believe it's the same boy.

Gil came to Haven of Hope last July after his school gave up trying to teach him to read. He was aggressive, and for a while no one understood why, until we learned he has autism, and that noise and pressure would push him past what he could handle. Reaching him took patient teachers, a lot of time, and honestly, a lot of grace.



Gil

But something has shifted. His mother tells us that some evenings, Gil comes home and retells his family the Bible story he learned that day. Last Easter, at a family reunion, he gathered everyone together and told them, in his own words, the real story of Easter, that Jesus came to save us from sin. A year later, he's reading, writing, and forming his own sentences. He's gone from a boy the other kids kept their distance from to one who helps them.

We can't take credit for that. That's the love of Jesus, worked out through teachers who chose to keep showing up for him, week after week. The testimony Gil is now living out in front of his family, his school, and his friends is something we could never have manufactured, and you're part of how it happened. Every gift, every prayer behind this ministry helped build the classroom he needed.

It costs $50 a month or $600 a year, to fully sponsor one student's place at Haven of Hope: teachers, materials, meals, and the patience it takes to reach a kid like Gil. Would you consider sponsoring a student this year?

Give online at **gift.missionary.com.br** and choose:
"Haven of Hope Brazil - General"

The last few months have been full of preparation. Getting ready for furlough means setting up the ministry to keep running well while we're away, handing off responsibilities, briefing our team, and making sure nothing depends on us being physically present. It's a good reminder, honestly: the ministry was never ours to begin with. It's the Lord's, and He's the one who sustains it, whether we're in Brazil or on the road in the US. That's what lets us rest and actually enjoy this season with you instead of worrying about what's happening back home.

We board our flight to the US on August 25th. Over the following few months we'll be visiting churches, supporters, and family, sharing what God is doing in the ministry, reconnecting with the people who make it possible, and yes, resting a little between stops. Here's where we'll be:



If you're in one of these areas, we would love to see you, whether that's coffee, a meal, a few minutes after a service, or hosting a small gathering with friends who'd like to hear more. Reply to this letter and let us know; we'll work out a time that fits your schedule and ours.

The best way to reach us is email: **andrew@missionary.com.br**
You can also call or text: +1 (509) 610-2249, though we'll be on the road a lot and may be slow to answer, email is more reliable during these months.

Would You Partner With Us?

To stay on the field, we need to raise $1,000 a month in additional personal support. If you've sensed the Lord nudging you to partner with us on a monthly basis, this fall would be a great time to start, and if you'd rather give toward a student's scholarship instead (or in addition), that option is above.

Give online at **partner.missionary.com.br** and choose:
"Haven of Hope Brazil - Pereira"

Thank you for standing with us and for the ministry in Brazil that exists because you've said yes to being sent too, even if it's from a distance. We can't wait to see you this fall.

Blessings,

Andrew, Carmen, Rebeka, Timothy and Deborah Pereira

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Financial Support Online and by Mail instructions:

Support and gifts can be sent **on-line** at: **donate.missionary.com.br** or **by check** following these instructions: **1.** Make the check payable to: **Haven of Hope Brazil**. **2.** In the check **Memo address** to: **Andrew & Carmen Pereira**. **3.** Mail the check to: **Haven of Hope Brazil, P.O. BOX 480, Wheaton, IL 60187**.

Pray with us — Andrew, Carmen, Rebeka, Timothy and Deborah — Brazil — August 2026

1. Safe travel and good health for our family, Aug 25–Dec 10.
2. Wisdom and provision for our team running Haven of Hope while we're away.
3. Provision for $1,000/month support and student scholarships still needed.