

# Pray For The Claypools

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## Church Planting Missionaries In Sao Tome & Principe

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*"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line,  
here a little there a little" - Isaiah 28:9-10*

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

July 2025

What a great time we had while traveling out west. It was long and to a point tiring, however, the fellowship was both wonderful and encouraging. We finished out our initial travels in Texas and Missouri with the Lord opening the door for us to visit at least one new church. We ended that phase of our travels with a couple of days to say hello again to family, after which we headed to the airport.

Then we were off to Alaska where the Lord blessed with beautiful weather and a fantastic time visiting our churches there and making new friends. We were able to present in two new churches and spend some time in the Yukon delta region with my brother who is a pastor and missionary pilot, and his family. The Lord gave us opportunity to preach both in the central hub of Bethel, but also in the village of St. Mary's, which is about an hour flight to the north-west. It is truly remarkable the similarities between village life in the cold north and our small tropical island home, in regards to ministry, challenges and perspective.

In June, we had a great retreat at BIMI headquarters and presented at a new church in Kingsport, TN. The Lord has really blessed this furlough with open doors to new churches. Most have told us that they would like to take us on, and we are asking the Lord for clear guidance for them to know His will in the matter.

While at BIMI we were able to have a meeting with our Director and ask for permission to remain through September. The Lord graciously allowed the extension and we are now returning home the latter part of September. We also wish to thank each of you who were praying with us about the decision. It was not an easy one, but after speaking with our pastor, family and field director we believe it was the right choice.

Along those same lines, we continue to ask for prayer concerning our church and folks back home on the island. There have been some personal challenges that they have been going through and we have kept up contact as much as possible via messages and the occasional telephone call.

In June an older man in the village, who was also a friend of ours and related to a couple of our people, passed away. The Lord enabled us to be able to minister to the family via phone calls, encouraging them and helping them through their time of grief. On Sao Tome there is a special grieving period of one week called the "nojo" where the family will often gather together. While we would have preferred to have been there personally we were able to get in contact with different members of the family, particularly Dias, and speak with them one on one. Please continue praying for God's hand upon them and that they will seek to follow the Lord not only for their own sakes, but that they might be a testimony to others as well.

To finish off we want to thank the Lord for a wonderful home church. They have allowed us to serve in various capacities from Sunday School to preaching and making visits. They have opened their hearts and it has been a true blessing to not constantly be sitting on the sidelines.

Thank you also to all of our supporting churches and families. Your faithfulness has been an encouragement to us as we keep moving forward with what the Lord has for us.

Your Servants For His Service,

*Doug + Amanda Claypool*

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