

# Pray For The Claypools

Field Address:  
Caixa Postal 1040  
Sao Tome  
Sao Tome & Principe  
-----  
email: adclaypool@yahoo.com

## Church Planting Missionaries In Sao Tome & Principe

Mission Board:  
BIMI  
Doug Claypool #1408  
PO Box 9  
Harrison, TN 37341-0009

*"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,

October 2023

The rain has come again and brought with it a few unexpected surprises, the main one being car troubles. Somehow a rock shard got into the casing around the timing belt and cut it. The Lord was in it all though, as it happened literally a stones throw away from our mechanic's shop, and with His hand protecting only minor damage occurred to the top part of the engine. He also sent a friend along just as we were finishing up with the mechanic who gave us a ride home, saving us a 2 hour walk.

Then about 3 weeks later Doug had stopped by the mechanics to see about some vibrations and, just as he was pulling in to park, the rear axle literally fell off. Turns out that due to years of wear and tear and sub-par parts the connecting end had just worn out enough that it couldn't hold itself together anymore. Once again, though, the Lord's hand was evident. Even the mechanic, whom Doug has talked to several times about the Lord and the Bible, remarked on God's goodness. Who knows what kind of open door it might produce. Then to top it off, as Doug was walking home, another friend came by on a motorcycle and gave him a ride to our main road, where he met up with the mother of one of the children that has been coming to church. He was able to chat with her and get to know her better as they walked the rest of the way.

Obviously, none of these events were planned and, to be honest, were not looked upon with joy and gladness. But it was a good reminder to us that God always moves with intent and never haphazardly. Each situation has a purpose, we just need to remember to look for it and be open to it.

On a different note, we have been trying to implement a mid-week meeting time at the church and would greatly appreciate your prayers in this matter. It has turned out to be more complicated than we thought at first as we try to work with evening chores, and limited travel after dark. We are trying to stay flexible though, and asking God for a solution that meets the needs of our people, whatever it might be.

We also wanted to reassure those that have given purposefully to our building fund, and want you to know that, even though it has taken time, everything designated toward that end is set apart and kept for when the Lord opens that door. Recently we had a line on a property near our house but the Lord didn't allow it. So, we continue looking and ask for your continued prayers for clear and distinct direction from the Lord. Buying property here is risky and the money is not ours. It is His and we are working to use it wisely as He directs for His honor and glory.

As always we want to thank each and every one of our supporters and prayer partners for the sacrifice and time that you give for the Lord's work here on São Tomé. We offer our thanks sincerely and look forward to the time of mutual rejoicing together with the Father as we see all that the Lord has accomplished.

Your Servants for His Service,

*Doug + Amanda Claypool*

The Claypools

Doug, Amanda, Morgan, Kaitlyn & Sean