

# Nate & Kate Nichols Family Missionaries to Brazil



**Nate, Kate  
Gabe, Drew, Bella, Mike**



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## **Prayer Requests:**

- Purchase of a new vehicle in Brazil
- House to rent in Pomerode
- A church building in a good location
- Items for church (chairs, sound system, hymn books, tracts, etc.)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are so thankful for each of you who pray for us!

At the end of June, Bella caught some viruses. She was diagnosed with tonsillitis. We were told to give her pain medicine to ease the discomfort, and she should get better soon. Two days later, she was not improving, but continuing to get worse. She was lethargic, breathing fast, had a fast heart rate, refused to turn her neck to the left, and was crying in pain when we touched her neck. The pediatrician sent us to the Pediatric ER for an x-ray for possible pneumonia. It came back clear. Then a CT scan was done on her neck. It came back showing a large separation of two of the vertebrae due to inflammation near the spine. The blood work showed that she had three different viruses and lots of infection.

She was then admitted to the hospital. They began several different antibiotics and steroids along with IV fluid. Things slowly improved and by Sunday, 4 days later, she was released. Unfortunately, that following Tuesday morning, July 4th, we took her back to the Pediatric ER. After another CT scan, they found a 10 cm cyst in her neck between her throat and spine that extended from behind her tonsils down into her chest. That afternoon she underwent surgery to drain what they could of the cyst. She then stayed in the hospital for 9 more days taking antibiotics to try to get the infection gone. After several more CT scans, it looks like the cyst is gone and there is just inflammation in the area. Even with all the tests and daily blood draws, the doctors are still unsure what caused the cyst and the high levels of infection. Bella continues to take antibiotics at home and is finally acting more like herself.

Once again, we saw that God truly does answer prayer. We would like to thank each of you for all that you do for us, but especially for all the prayers for us!

On July 27th, we have an appointment with the Infectious Disease Department at Vanderbilt. They will be doing the follow-up blood draw and CT scan. Please pray with us that all the infection and inflammation will be gone.

We ask for your continued prayers for us 1.) on when we should return to Brazil, 2.) for Kate and the boys to continue learning Portuguese, 3.) for Nate to learn German, and 4.) safety as we travel.

Thank you all so much for your faithful prayers and financial support. May God bless you all.

In Christ,

The Nate & Kate Nichols Family

*"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." - Philippians 4:13*

