

Dear sponsors and supporters!

How are you?

2019 was to date the most eventful year of our lives! We are extremely blessed and couldn't feel more thankful to God and to yall's love and support!

BABY JOANNA!

- ✓ Joanna is growing by leaps and bounds! As of December 31 she is 21 ¾ inches and almost 11 pounds.
- ✓ We are loving to be parents! Every day has been an adventure and a new experience.
- ✓ Joanna has been extremely healthy and hasn't got sick yet. We pray that she will continue this way!
- ✓ Great news! Joanna's Medicaid was approved, and she was accepted for WIC. Medicaid should take care of all of Joanna's expenses we had at the delivery. WIC will help us with some monthly groceries and Joanna's formula.















FAMILY HERE WITH US

- ✓ We have enjoyed having Tati's mom (Mara) and best friend (Marluza) here with us. We have definitely taken advantage of all the help that they gave us.
- ✓ We used the Thanksgiving break to drive around and show them some of the beautiful sights around Searcy. We spent a couple of days in Hot Springs and a night in Memphis.
- ✓ Both Marluza and Mara have been mesmerized by the beauty in the USA.
- ✓ Marluza stayed with us until December 9. Mara will be returning to Brazil on January 12.



















HARDING & CLASSES

- ✓ Both Maikon and Tati finished the fall semester really well. In spite of all the business of the last couple of months, they both got straight As! Maikon's current GPA is 3.79.
- ✓ In early November Maikon was inducted to Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. This is his second induction, as in 2018 Maikon had also been inducted to Omicron Delta Kappa.
- ✓On December 6 we celebrated Christmas with our BMIN colleagues. It was a nice party in which we remembered the best moments of 2019 and also said goodbye to our three graduates: Rebeca Mimms, Vitor Lucarelli, and Derek King.

CHURCH & YOUTH GROUP

- ✓ Maikon and Tati finished co-teaching with Scott Biddle the 7th and 8th graders on Sunday mornings. The class was called "The Gospels and the Nature of Jesus."
- ✓ On November 2-3, Maikon and a few other chaperones from church took our youth group to the Deeper Youth Conference in Fayetteville, AR. The theme this year was "Faithworks."
- ✓ On December 15, we celebrated Christmas with the teens and their families. This was our last official activity with the youth group as the interns.
- ✓ The spring semester will be Maikon's last semester at Harding. We both anticipate being super busy with senior-level classes, as well as taking care of Joanna and getting ready for our mission work. The idea of resigning was a mutual decision and Luke (the youth minister) completely understood. We will continue to help as much as we can.











- ✓ We spent Thanksgiving in Searcy at the Reas'. Toni Rea is the BMIN secretary and invited us to be with her family. Mara and Marluza loved celebrating their first traditional Thanksgiving in America.
- ✓ Christmas and New Years were spent at home, just the four of us. They were cozy moments in which we got to enjoy Joanna and have video calls with family in Brazil.











THE BORBAS IN SOUTH FLORIDA

- ✓ We keep making more plans and organizing details for our missionary work in South Florida.
- ✓ We have heard back from most churches and individuals about partnering with us in our mission work. We are so glad and thankful that most of you will continue and/or expand your support for us after graduation.
- ✓ We are so excited and prayerful about the next months and can't wait to see how the Lord will use us in His Kingdom!

2019 was without a doubt the best year of our lives and we are thrilled for everything that will be taking place in 2020. We are so pleased that you are a part of everything that we have been through.

P.S.: As always, don't forget to check out our blog whenever you have a chance:

http://borbasmissionexperience.missionsplace.com.

The blog and our social media venues (Facebook and Instagram) remain the best ways to stay up-to-date with what we have been up to.

In the love of Jesus,

Maikon, Tati, & Joanna.

