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the adventure and challenges we face as we endeavor to follow God's will for our life.



Helicopter ride during Ethnos360 visit at Moody Aviation



We hope winter has been kind to everyone so far. As we write this, we are enjoying hot beverages inside while there is nearly a foot of snow on the ground in Spokane. Rewinding a few months, coming back from tropical Brazil we were greeted with chilly mornings and mild days. Getting back into a rhythm since returning has proved a bit of a challenge. At the end of October, we moved out of our apartment and into a house across town. It is owned by Christians that rent to missionaries at a reduced rate. It has been a blessing. We are excited to live in a house in a quiet neighborhood are thankful for a bit bigger space. After gardening on the deck of our third-floor apartment last year, Andy is excited to have a yard for next year!

praying.

As we pray and seek wisdom about missions and Brazil
For opportunities to share the Gospel with our unsaved friends
That we would serve well in our current season of ministry

ANDY & JERUSHA

We are currently living in Spokane, WA where Andy is on staff at Moody Bible Institute's Missionary Aviation School, and Jerusha is a law clerk with the state courts. We serve at Moody Aviation through Proclaim Aviation Ministries, and are blessed to be a part of training future missionary pilots and mechanics while we prepare for our own overseas ministry.

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Jerusha & Italia crossing the finish line



With the staff at Missao do Ceu



Snowfall at our new house

holidays.



We will be traveling to Oregon this year to spend the Christmas holiday with our Dressel family and celebrate Jerusha's sister's wedding. We hope to see some of you and that you all have a Merry Christmas and lovely holiday season!

Andy + Jerusha

ugm ladies.

Just one week after we returned from Brazil, I got to run the half marathon with ladies I had been training with from UGM. I ran the race with Italia, who I've written about a bit in previous letters. She told me before we started that all she wanted was to be better than she was last year—she ran the race last year when she first entered the recovery program. She was unsure, but having run with her over the past year and seeing her progress, I felt like it was inevitable that she would improve her previous time.

The course was tough with a number of hills in the first half, and the last few miles were difficult. Italia had asked me not to tell her what her time was until we crossed the finish line. But as we approached the finish line, I grabbed her arm and told her to look up at the clock. She lifted her head and tears welled up in her eyes as she saw her time. She had not only improved from last year, she had beaten her previous time by over an hour. As I watched her emotion and hugged her, I couldn't help but think about where she was a year ago and how far she had come not just in running but in her faith and recovery journey. I remembered a timid girl who struggled to see her own worth, but before me was a confident woman who knew her worth came from her Creator.



Andy and Marcio talking in the hangar

brazil recap.

For those of you that kept up with our blog while we were in Brazil, you already know a bit about our time there. We had an amazing time with the people of Missao do Ceu. They were incredibly welcoming and helpful. There were many opportunities we could see ourselves fitting into within the organization. The culture and mission of the MDC also felt like a good fit for what we believe God has put in our hearts. As with many things, there were also many challenges. We dealt with culture shock more than either of us expected. Along with that, the heat and chaotic traffic made regular activities more exhausting. And to top it all off, we were sick for almost 2 weeks of our time there. For us, Brazil was a lot of things all at once. Some of them were expected challenges, some of them were overwhelming in ways that we were not prepared for. We went to Brazil praying that God would give us a clear answer about whether we should serve there. We do not have a clear answer so for now we are continuing to pray. Along with prayer we will be seeking wisdom by meeting with four mentor couples over the next several months. They are all close friends and have extensive experience with missions and ministry.