



PAPERBACK Reutter

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We had so looked forward to sharing with you in this very letter the announcement of the birth of our daughter, Anna Rebecca, but instead we share with you that on September 25, during childbirth, Anna skipped life on earth and went straight to heaven. The great time of rejoicing that was planned turned into a time of grief and sadness like we have never known. Although even now the pain is fresh and very real, we do not mourn like those who have no hope. As my heart cried out "live!" to my precious Anna, I hear the heart of the Heavenly Father cry out to all those dead in sin: "Live!" That word cost him his only Son, a sacrifice I can appreciate more than ever. That Son came to earth and we celebrate his coming to earth every year at this time. His name is Jesus. He is our hope and our salvation - the one in whom we can trust. Because of all the wonderful promises found in Him, we have more than just hope: we have assurance of our salvation and a promise of a wonderful future.

USED BY GOD

How many of us have prayed the prayer "God, use me" only to find that He does?! He did as He saw fit in our lives and in little Anna's life, and although we don't fully understand (and perhaps never will), we praise God anyhow and continue to declare that "God is good!" in the midst of our pain. What we have seen since Anna's passing is nothing short of miracle upon miracle. God has used our story to impact people all over the world. In the month after Anna died, our blog articles were read nearly 10,000 times at www.ReutterFamily.com! We felt the love of literally hundreds pouring in through prayers, emails and notes of encouragement. We saw God use our story to make an impact in a world so desperately in need of real faith - a faith that stands through hardship and trial.

The months since Anna's passing have been a blur! We've been on several boat trips (some to brand new works), we've hosted 2 film crews, we've personally led 4 people to the Lord, multiplied our cell group, have seen our disciples grow in Christ and sang an original song for the top pastors in Brazil! And that's just the highlights! You just *have* to check out the full stories, complete with pictures, at our blog. There's just not enough space here!

One of the film crews was of Billy Graham's Evangelistic Association (BGEA), who held a nation-wide, 3-night evangelistic telecast throughout Brazil called *Minha Esperança*. Of 80,000 participating churches in Brazil, BGEA choose to visit and film Project AmaZon here in Santarém! The response to the Gospel was tremendous, as over 1,500 people gave their lives to Christ- and that's just in Santarém. Truly Brazil is experiencing a huge move of the Spirit.

THE FUTURE

We are so excited for what the future holds. We believe God has plans to give us healthy children (that stay here with us!), in His way and in His timing. We continue to meditate on the precious promises of God which hold faith and hope for



WHAT'S ON OUR BLOG

Our blog is loaded with stories, photos, testimonies and videos. If you haven't yet visited our blog, take a look at all you're missing.

"An Amazon Trip on the Arapiuns River"

"Billy Graham's Film Crew Visits Santarém"

"Gravy with your truck?"

"Eulogy for Anna"

"Singing for Brazil"

And much, much more



those who hear and apply it; confronting their fears and overcoming the evil one. As my high school Bible teacher Mr. Fox used to say: "Be in the Word, be in the Word, be in the Word!"

The goal of Project AmaZon is to have 1,000 churches planted by 2014, and to that huge goal we are working: through discipleship and cell groups, media (video & website), music & ministry, speaking and much more. I believe people are just waiting for a great Kingdom investment to come along, one they know that will reap a great harvest. The world economy is more volatile than ever; how wise and blessed is the person with an eternal vision, making eternal investments where your investment only grows. Where it can not be

stolen, destroyed or taken away. Where he can enjoy it for all eternity! We thank you for your partnership with us - it's of infinite eternal value - *infinite*. God is using it to raise up new missionaries and people of faith, ready to do His will. Make the best investment of 2009 and support us with a monthly gift, or decide to increase your investment, because now is the time of the harvest.

The more I serve here, the more I realize it is we who are blessed to be here. We have given up so much to be here, and now most recently we have lost what was most precious to us. Whether Anna would have lived if we were in the States is something we'll probably never know. But in the words of Jim Elliot, "*He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.*" We are all in God's hands, wherever we live; there are no accidents. We have only lost Anna temporarily. What about the people who are about to die **eternally** without ever hearing about Jesus? How much are their souls worth? It was worth God's very own son, and as much as it hurts, it's worth the very life of our beautiful daughter Anna Rebecca. It's worth our very lives.

Invest in what matters now and never, ever give up on doing the will of the Lord, because it is the one thing that is not done in vain. God bless you and keep you this holiday season, you are all such a blessing to us!

Love, Nate & Ruth



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PRAYER REQUESTS

- For complete healing (physically & emotionally)
- For God's blessing on our family plans (healthy kids!)
- For our cell group and disciples (their growth)
- For Nate's Permanent Visa to be approved
- For planning our 2009 Furlough
- For God's grace in doing His amazing work



The village Cabeça d'Onça that we visited with the BGEA film crew on the Amazon River