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DOUBLE BLESSING

The Lord has surely turned our mourning into blessing - double blessing! In February, Ruth was given the go-ahead to try to get pregnant again. The doctor was expecting that it would take a while for Ruth to get pregnant, due to many follicles in her ovaries. But by no small miracle, Ruth got pregnant right away - *and with twins! Twin girls!!* God is turning our lives into quite an amazing story of His grace and goodness. It reminds me a little bit of Job's story, who after suffering so much, never cursed God's name. And the result?

"The LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before" Job 42:10b.

Praise God that His double blessing has been bestowed upon us! We rejoice at God's goodness and pray that we serve as a living example of the Living God who is very real and very loving.

DOUBLE? WHY NOT TRIPLE?!!

Remember our cell group os Corajosos ("The Courageous")? We multiplied the cell group last October after raising up new leaders. Those new leaders, who Ruth and I disciple, worked diligently with their cell group and on April 25, the group multiplied again- but this time into 3 new groups! In a little over a year, what started off as one small cell group has turned into 4! Ruth and I disciple each one of these 3 couples that lead their own cell groups and we continue to work with our current cell group with plans to multiply in October. It takes a lot of work and prayer to grow a cell group, so pray along with us for continued healthy multiplication and for the groups under us.

ARTFUL EXPRESSION

The number of outlets for my creative expressions continues to grow and expand. I am fully involved with worship at our church, and often can be found playing in several of our church's 8 Sunday services. You would think playing in several 2-hour services in a row would get exhausting, but with each passing service I feel more and more energized. You see, the Brazilian people are a passionate, expressive people, and so leading worship is a real thrill! God truly moves powerfully when He is being glorified - I hope you can come and experience it for yourself! I continue to work with my own music writing and on a new album, full of songs in Portuguese and English. I hope to have it done by later this year, because already the local church has asked me to help them with a worship project of their own! How wonderful: songs inspired right here along the Amazon River - from Americans and Brazilians!

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Our website is full of stories and pictures from our lives here in Brazil. You can read and see more about our trips, our lives, our missions and ministry work. Just take a look at some of the recent posts:

- **Some Think Twin Boys ...** | June 23
- **March for Jesus** | June 11
- **Design Extravaganza!** | May 19
- **More Flood News & Pics** | May 15
- **FLOODED!** | May 7
- **DOUBLE the Good News** | April 16
- **Two Easter Hymns for You - PIANO MUSIC DOWNLOAD** | April 10
- **Great News!** | March 30
- **Abundant Rain** | March 25
- **There and Back Again: The Reutter's Tale about Rio Branco** | March 7



Huge Flood

Perhaps you've seen it reported on the news - the record-breaking Amazon-basin flood of this year. Entire villages and towns went underwater, some even swept away by the tremendous amounts of water moving through the basin. The storm drainage in Santarém backed up so much that the downtown streets also went underwater, forcing merchants to build small walls to keep the water out and bridges to keep the costumers coming! We at PAZ are busy sending relief into the hardest hit areas, showing the love of Christ in tangible and important ways. You can see pictures and videos of the flood at the PAZ website, <http://www.projectamazon.org>.

A growing area of expertise for me is in design, as I've been able to fill a gap for Project Amazon and design a new website for them, <http://www.projectamazon.org>. In designing the site, I learned many other useful skills in media production and am applying them almost everyday to help the mission and the local church in their Great-Commission-work.

A TRIP DEEP INTO THE AMAZON BASIN

This last February, Ruth and I branched out and accepted a challenging invitation: to be the speakers of a youth conference at the Project Amazon base in Rio Branco, a city of 500,000 people near the Brazil/Peru border. We made the several hour trip in 3 different airplanes across a large portion of the Amazon Basin - the distance of nearly 1,500 miles from Santarém. There we spoke to around 80 young people about being on fire for God and passionate for souls. It was a powerful weekend, very intense and a big stretch for me, given we preached in Portuguese. But I didn't want to back down from the invitation just because I felt as Moses, not to be a good speaker!

BOUND FOR THE STATES

Ruth and I were planning to go to the States this summer for furlough, but God certainly had other plans. I am still, however, planning on taking a quick trip to the States in August for a number of family reunions. I will have a little bit of time to visit, however we will take our full 3 month furlough late next summer (2010) when we plan on visiting all our supporting churches and hopefully get a chance to see each one of you.

Your prayers, support and encouragement continue to strengthen us and push us along in fighting the good fight. We never stop thanking God for you and your dedication to being a part of the great commission. In all the fullness of its meaning: God bless you!

Nate & Ruth

Top 10 USA foods Ruth misses:

- Chips and salsa
- Whitey's ice cream
- Taco Bell bean burritos
- Kentucky fried chicken meals
- Ruby Tuesday's salad bar
- Bagels with cream cheese
- Cottage cheese
- Vanilla Latté
- Roy's tacos
- BBQ ribs



Ruth's Corner

It is funny how the things that we thought and dreamed about can change so quickly. I actually find myself dreaming of tandem strollers, car seats and baby swings. I get a little overwhelmed when thinking that I'll be changing (and Nate too of course) 100 diapers a week. Having twins will be such a fun experience! I know there will be moments of "oh my goodness, what did we get ourselves into!" but the thought of going from just Nate and me to a family of 4 is just wonderful! It's funny the things that come to you in the middle of the night - Oh no! I need to buy another crib! Will the baby's room fit 2 cribs, plus a changing table, small wardrobe and a rocking chair? (Our nursery is really tiny!)

How many onesies will I go through in a day? Do I have enough? Will I ever sleep? Will Nate ever sleep? What if I get one to sleep and the other starts crying and they wake each other up? They should entertain themselves since there are 2 of them! If I eat like a pig now, what will happen when I'm nursing? But then the thought of holding two precious babies just takes away all questions and concerns and I sleep content and happy. God sure has been good to us!

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The March for Jesus grows each and every year as more and more people are won for Christ! Greater things yet are to come here in the Amazon!