

## Getting ready to leave Alaska..... again

Hello!

Well, the month of May has been fairly busy! I expected to kick back for a while, I'm glad to say that God had different plans. This month has been full of hanging out with my family, catching up with old friends, and having friends visit.

Other than that, I have been waiting to hear back from the consulate about my Visa for Brazil. We had requested a Volunteer Visa since what we'll be doing there is all volunteer, but because we're working under the church of Christ there, the consulate was determined that we should have to get a Missionary Visa. To get a Missionary Visa, you need to be an ordained minister or have a degree that says you're qualified. Kind of tricky. Thankfully though, one of the previous coordinators in Brazil sent the consulate some papers proving that previous AIMers have been let in the country on Volunteer Visas. Now, we're waiting and praying that the consulate will give us Visas or not. I pray that we get our Visas because on June 11<sup>th</sup> ( next Monday), one of my teammates and I are scheduled to fly out.



These are a few of my classmates. They are going to Port Elizabeth, South Africa and came to visit/fly out of Alaska to South Africa. Who knew that it'd be cheaper to fly out of Alaska?! We took them to the Butte....and back down again of course ;)

On the very left is Joyee, then Travis, and Dana. The rest of their team met them in South Africa.

Hanging out with my brothers



The closer I get to leaving for Brazil, the harder it gets to think about saying see you later. I realize all over again, that I'll be spending nearly two years away from what I'd call the norm. It both scares and excites me at the same time. But I'm ready to go wherever God wants me and do whatever He needs me to do. This is what He said, that we should be ready to leave everything and follow Him. Wherever He takes us. It looks like He's leading me to Brazil, and that's where I'll follow Him to and then to wherever else He leads me to. I just pray that I get out of the way so He can work. I ask that you pray for the same thing.

Thank you all for your prayers and support, it means a lot to know that there are many people praying for myself and the rest of my team. Thank you all for blessing me this far with both your prayers and support.

In Him,

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