

# Beca Pape

Missionary to the Deaf in Brazil



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## Happy New Year!

I am so excited to be writing to you as we head into a new year of serving the Lord together. I am anticipating many new changes and am truly thankful to be a part of what the Lord is doing. I would like to share some personal news regarding what the Lord has done in my life over the past year. As you know, I have been serving in the Deaf ministry of the church here in Ribeirão Preto. During my time here, the Lord brought a young man into my life by the name of Lucas Duarte.

Lucas has been faithfully serving in this church for the past three years, since his family moved to Ribeirão Preto. In December of 2022, he sensed the Lord's call to ministry, and as he prayed about how the Lord would have him serve, he felt led to the Deaf ministry. He has been actively involved in ministry here ever since. I first came to know Lucas as a friend during my first year in Brazil, and over time we began serving together in several areas of the church,

including the Deaf ministry, youth ministry, and music ministry. In January of last year, we began praying together about a possible future in life and ministry. During that time, I contacted my BIMI field director, Brother Sean Lunday, and asked him to pray with me regarding the Lord's will in this area. My parents had also met Lucas during a visit in December and were very encouraged as we pursued a relationship. We officially began dating in June of last year, and on January 8th, Lucas asked me to marry him. I happily accepted, and we are planning to be married in September of this year. Over the coming year, there are several important steps ahead of us. Lucas is currently completing his final year of Bible institute and is scheduled to graduate in December. Following his graduation, our plan is to return to the United States so that we may visit all of our ministry partners to report on what God is doing in Brazil and meet Lucas. Lord willing, we plan to return to Brazil soon after to continue serving the Deaf community.

Please pray with us for the Lord's guidance and wisdom as we make plans and decisions regarding our future ministry. We also ask prayer for Lucas' visa approval so that he may travel to the United States, as well as for my visa here in Brazil, which will expire this year. We are praying that the renewal process will go smoothly. Please feel free to contact me, my sending pastor or field director, Sean Lunday, with any questions. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support as we work together to reach the lost.



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