

# Smith Prayer News

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## Roger's folks: Chuck and Elsie

The picture above of Roger's folks was taken on this past Christmas day. Little did we know what was ahead. Elsie fell on Feb. 2nd and broke her hip. Chuck then fell during that same night. Both were taken to the same hospital and Elsie had surgery on the 4th for a partial hip replacement. We realized we needed to cancel an upcoming trip to two churches that had set up meetings with us. We appreciated the response of Pastor Mike Collins, who reminded us that one of our main ministries at this time was to help our folks.

At this writing they are at rehab back in the community they live in here in Florida. The recovery process has been slow but sure. They should be released back to their apartment on March 1st, if all goes well.

Both Dad and Mom are now 90 years old and they celebrated 70 years of marriage last year. We thank God for their legacy of love for God and each other.

## Prayer Items

### 1

Pastor Claudio, from our second church-plant, resigned this on Feb. 25th. Please pray for Koinonia Baptist in Piedade as they search for a new pastor.

### 2

Roger's continued visits to doctors and specialists. He still struggles with fatigue due to lack of sleep. He has run another sleep test and will get the results soon. Other specialists are checking out a nodule on his thyroid and setting up a bone marrow biopsy due to an altered protein found in blood work.

### 3

Our witness these days here in Florida.

## Pastor Stefan and Julia and family

This family is joining the team in Arcoverde and region

We are so happy that this family joined the team with David and Sarah Carrel in the Outback. They are national missionaries from South Brazil. They are raising support to enable them to meet their needs along with what the Arcoverde church will provide. This is a BIG answer to prayer for much needed help in the region.

## Present & Future Ministries

We would appreciate special prayer as we seek to be a witness to those around us in our neighborhood and people we are meeting. Roger recently has had great spiritual conversations with two of his doctors and gave one a devotional book that presents the Gospel clearly to his primary physician.



Marcy has made friends with some ladies who live in our neighborhood by participating in a weekly game time. She has also been helping a neighbor of her mother's organize some of the rooms in her house. Marcy loves to do this and has had lots of experience in Brazil through the years.

Roger is anxious to be able to reach out to some Brazilian pastors in Florida about mentoring possibilities. (He hasn't had the time yet) He has been able to minister to some Brazilian pastors online from Brazil as well. We would love to have an ongoing ministry to Brazilians who reside in Florida and especially to leaders.

## OUR CONTINUED THANKS TO ALL!

Soon those who have been on our support team will receive a letter from ABWE about our upcoming official retirement from active service with them. They will encourage those who can to continue with a percentage of what they have been giving to enable us to continue to have a ministry in the years ahead, as God gives us health to do so. We look at retirement as a shift to new ministries, as neither of us want to just sit back and kill time. We want to continue to redeem the time. Our official retirement is set for the end of April.

We can't say how much we appreciate all of you who have stood with us all these years. YOU are our heroes! *Love, Roger and Marcy*

