

# HOWe THINGS ARE...

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Hello all! Two things to tell you right off:

Thing #1: Very good news for me --- visa for me to go to Brazil came back in the mail all official and in plenty of time for my October 23<sup>rd</sup> flight. So glad that didn't turn into one of those nail-biter things where I'm desperately hoping the thing gets approved and gets to me in time... and thank you so much for praying.

Thing #2: Someone asked how they should send a gift if they'd like to contribute toward the cost of my Brazil trip. You can donate on-line at <http://www.wycliffe.org/give/membergift.htm> or send a check payable to "Wycliffe Bible Translators" with a note stating "For the ministry of Sheryl Howe" to the address at the bottom of the page. (should you feel led to do so and all that).



Where I'll be...

- Cuiabá is the capital of the state of Mato Grosso (MT). It's the largest city in that state with a population of 500,000.
- It'll be HOT in Cuiabá (90–100°F). I'm arriving at the end of "dry" season and leaving just as rainy season begins.
- They DON'T have malaria where I'm going. Didn't need any new immunizations I don't already have.

## Fun facts about Brazil:

- The fifth largest country in the world both in population (180 million people – about 2/3rds of the population of the US) and in geographic area (3.26 million square miles, about the size of the continental US if you chopped off Florida).
- 26 states
- 236 languages

Meanwhile, things are going quite well preparing for this trip: Important Things like: I know someone will pick me up at the airport in Brazil and they have a place for me to live and I know how much this will cost. Also, there's nothing huge work wise that I'm leaving undone.

Stuff you could pray about:

- **Praise God** for my visa and for this opportunity to serve in Brazil.
- **Pray** that my time there will be beneficial for the workers in Brazil. Pray for safety in travel, for details to be worked out, for my luggage to make it with me... pray I pick up some Portuguese...
- **Pray** for my brother, Steve, and our family. Steve was diagnosed with thyroid cancer this week and will be having surgery October 11. He's 28 and although I know God has a plan; this hardly seems right.

✉ (October 23 – December 22, 2004)  
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