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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. God Blessed TravelsBy janet bartodejI truly enjoyed reading this book. As an International Mission Board missionary on disability retirement this book truly was a blessing. I loved reading about all the small towns and wonderful people that you were able to see and get to know during your adventures. Brasil is a fabulous country and I believe that The Lord has great things in store for these precious people. Reading this book brought back so many memories of being able to work with and share how to know Our precious Jesus with these people that I grew to love so dearly. Believe me, we would go back tomorrow if I was physically able . I recommend this book to anyone who wants to take an adventure through one of the most beautiful and blessed counties in the world!!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An interesting look into what it takes to be a missionaryBy Mom of 3 Boys and a Lil LassMy junior year in high school, I traveled to Germany to live and learn for one year. While there, I planned to visit a friend and his family in France. I visited a travel agency, purchased my plane ticket, and asked about Visa requirements. I was told there weren't any. When I arrived in France, I learned there were no Visa requirements for German citizens, but there were Visa requirements for American citizens. I stood trying to work out the whole mess with the French authority at the airport. He chattered in French, I chattered in German, and

then in English... and neither of us understood the other. That's when the French stewardess went to retrieve the family I was to visit and all was worked out... in French. I received a temporary Visa for the first week I was there, applied for a Visa (which takes two weeks to come through) for the third week I was to be there, and was told to not get injured, fall ill, or get into trouble the week in between. Looking back on the situation, it is comical (and even a bit flattering that the travel agent never thought for a moment that I was not German). At the time, it was not!

Misadventures in Travel is Paula Edwards' retelling of the years she and her husband, Van, spent in Brazil as itinerant mappers, identifying fishing villages in need of churches and mapping their locations for the arrival of Baptist church planters. Paula's tale is filled with misadventures of the sort I experienced in France: most resulting from misunderstandings of the language and/or customs, others stemming from dilapidated cars and failing equipment. These are the sort of misadventures that were anything but funny at the time, but now that the Edwardses have made it through each challenge, they are laughable. This is not the sort of tale that will draw you in, leaving you feeling as if you've traveled the roads, visited the towns, and met the people they've met, but it is a very readable account of what it takes to be a missionary, of a couple who continued on with their God-given mission in spite of the many hurdles thrown in their way, and of the hospitality and love shown to them by a people so often viewed as strangers as a result of barriers built by language and location. You will read through the book feeling as if you are reading Paula's travel journal or a letter she has written to her daughters still in the United States, and you will finish the book with a greater appreciation of what it takes to follow the Lord into a foreign country and to travel roads not previously frequented by outsiders. I received this book from Hannibal Books in exchange for my honest review. The thoughts printed in this review are entirely my own.

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By Christina Lockstein

Misadventures in Travel by Paula Edwards is the story of the author's missionary trip through northern Brazil. Edwards and husband Van decide to become missionaries later in life. With two grown daughter and several grandchildren, they want to do the Lord's work, and when a job is offered to map out the fishing villages of northern Brazil, they jump at the chance. Their story is filled with countless twists and turns (no really, the maps they have aren't very good, and they are often backtracking and getting lost) as well as roadblocks and detours. From dealing with arrogant bureaucrats to vehicles constantly breaking down to roads that only remotely aspire to that label, their three years in Brazil are filled with lots of great stories and plenty of adventure and misadventure that Edwards tells in a direct yet light manner. Even when times are toughest, Van and Paula soldier on, always remembering to give praise to God when things go right. Despite the advertising of the book as slapstick comedy, the book has little actual humor. The writing is pretty straight-forward with the occasional sarcasm, but with no true laugh out loud moments. However, it is a worthwhile read because it details the day to day life of missionaries: the troubles they face, the political difficulties, and the triumphs when they are able to share the Gospel with a hungry audience. For a down to earth look at the life of a missionary, this is a terrific read.