



# The Smiths

## Missionaries to

# Brazil



Bill and Sharon

Dear Friends,

**Medical Update on Sharon**

October, 2014

We want to thank each of you for your prayers on our behalf during this month of October. As we wrote in our October Prayer Letter, Sharon started radiation treatment on September 29<sup>th</sup> and now she only has 5 treatments left. She has to drink 32 ounces of water a day and try to retain that for the treatment. (A very difficult thing to do) It takes us 20 minutes to drive to the hospital each day and the treatments last for about 10 minutes total. That means lying still on a metal table while they put you inside a big machine that gives the radiation. Have you tried lying still for 10 minutes? It is not easy. Sharon has learned to count the minutes and is doing pretty good in her counting.



Both of us have been able to talk with other patients doing the same treatments and office personal and we have given them our prayer cards telling them about Brazil and our work there. We always meet someone that is in worse shape than us and that makes us grateful that even though we have health problems ourselves they aren't as bad as some.

After the final treatment on November 07, we have to wait for a period of time to see if the radiation took care of the cancer cells. We have an appointment with Sharon's doctor on December 04 and he will give us the word as to how long we have to stay or if we can return to Brazil. There will be a possibility of having treatments done in Brazil but we will have to wait and see what the doctor says. Patience and healing is what we need now.

We know the medical bills will be coming but since we have met our deductible of \$2,500.00 we pray the insurance will pay most of the upcoming expenses. The Lord has blessed with unexpected offerings that can be used toward these expenses. Pray with us that we can pay all the necessary expenses.

We once again want to thank the Massillon Baptist Temple, Massillon, Ohio, for allowing us to stay at the Mission Apartment and for the use of a car while we are undergoing these medical problems. They allowed us to be a part of their Mission Conference in October and they raised over \$174,000.00 for World Wide Missions. Praise the Lord. Sharon grew up in the church in Massillon and it has been a real blessing to attend services and be a part of this church.



Bill is from Mansfield Baptist Temple and we were able to attend one night of their Mission Conference, same dates as Massillon. The Christian School children presented "Around the World Program" and it was just great. The children were all dressed up representing different countries and they sang in several languages. It was great to see them surround the auditorium and sing "Reach around the World." Our hearts desire is to be able to reach more for the Lord.

Thank you so much for the phone calls, cards and especially your prayers at this time. We are both tired but we know the Lord has a reason for this time in our lives so we want to do what the doctors tell us to do. Pray we will have the patience we need. God bless each of you and we trust you are enjoying His Blessings.

Sincerely yours,

Bill and Sharon Smith