

## The Smiths Missionaries to





Sharon and Bill

Dear Friends,

Boa Vista, Roraima, Brazil Special Days September and October, 2018



Pastor Rogerio and his wife and two other ladies from the church attended a Seminar for Child Evangelism here in Boa Vista on August 4th and 5th. The lady in charge was Glaucilene. She was saved and helped in the Baptist churches in Manaus. She graduated from the Bible Institute in Manaus and then went on to get her training in Child Evangelism. She is now the representative in the North of Brazil and has various responsibilities. She is not married so she travels a lot to Indian tribes or other cities to reach children for the Lord.

1970 – 2018 – 48 years of marriage and 47 years as Missionaries to Brazil. We were married August 15, 1970 at the Massillon Baptist Temple. Bill had already graduated from the Bible Baptist Seminary in Arlington, Texas, before we were married. We returned to Texas right after we were married so Sharon could get some more Bible training before being accepted as missionaries to Brazil. We were approved as missionaries in **July of 1971**. The Lord has been so good in giving us the privilege to serve Him as missionaries. Brazil is more like home to us after all these years but we still like visiting family and friends in the United States!

1978 - 2018 - We began the church in Caracarai in 1978 and this October 20-21 they will celebrate 40 years as a church and will have a special service. We praise the Lord for the Pastor and the people of this church. God has blessed them with a large piece of property as well as people to work and lead the church.

Pastor Luiz has led the church the past 13 years and has started a Bible Institute with 9 graduates so far. In November there will be two more graduates.

Here is a picture of the newly remodeled front of the church auditorium. We are praying that some will be saved during the Anniversary Conference and that the church will continue serving the Lord in the coming years.



We have been communicating with Sharon's sister in Massillon, Ohio. She had to go to the hospital in June and then Rehab for back problems. She was going to be released and sent home on October 10. We felt we should be there to help her get settled in her home and make sure she has the help she needs.

We left our home in Boa Vista on September 30<sup>th</sup> and flew to Manaus, Amazonas. We stayed a day in Manaus and then caught the plane from Manaus to Miami and on to Akron-Canton, Ohio, on October 2. Sharon's sister came home on October 9<sup>th</sup> but is going to have some home care until they can find out why she still has the problem in her back and down her leg. We have passage bought to return on November 8<sup>th</sup> so please pray we can get the things accomplished that we need to do.

October was a busy month with many activities planned for the churches. Special children's services and Youth meetings plus the church anniversary in Caracarai. There was a wedding of one of the couples of the Gethsemane church. In November there will be an ordination service for Pastor Rogerio. We are happy to see the churches grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.

## THANK YOU for your prayers and support to us and the works here in Northern Brazil!

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Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

Months of August and September THANK YOU!

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