



Pastors' prayer breakfast

# The True Hawkins Family - Brazil

September/October 2010

**General News** – The prayer breakfast went well with 20 pastors in attendance, 3 from out of state. The evening service of the anniversary conference was well attended with 142 present. Our theme was the Second Coming, and on Sunday night there were two saved and one reconciliation. We are due to go up to Presidente Figueiredo for three weddings and eight baptisms in October.

**Youth Activities** – We had the 14<sup>th</sup> annual youth congress on September 6-7, with over a hundred youth present. I taught two sessions on eschatology both mornings, and had a great time answering questions. We had one saved during the meetings. Our 5<sup>th</sup> youth rally was held at XXVI of November Baptist Church, and there were over 150 youth there, and one young lady came for rededication. Our theme was How to Survive the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Conferences** – We have had the privilege to preach seven Bible and missions conferences these last five weeks, which has made me see the need for a Brazilian evangelist to serve our churches in town and the interior areas. He would be kept very busy.

**Bible Institutes** – Here in Manaus, I began the 9 week course on Job, and am enjoying the class again. We have 20 students, from all over the Amazon basin, and I have great pleasure in training them to take the Gospel to the cities, town, communities, and Indiana villages, to establish churches and training institutes of their own, among their own people in their own tongue.

Here is news from Alberto, at Cioci Bible Institute, and his in between semester's activities. He writes we had 17 students at a 2-week intensive course at São Jeaquim (Brazil/Colombia border). During the Bible conference at Betel community (Içana River) there were 4 saved. Cioci Bible Institute has 9 full time students, with one graduating from the 18 month Bible course in his native tongue. He then relates that he preached in 5 different communities on 3 different rivers, with a total of 24 saved, 14 baptized and 2 rededications. His ministry is accomplished with just a little help from the outside, with a lot of contributions from the local churches in the area, which is a huge victory for the indigenous works in that area, and what we have been toiling towards for many years.

**Church Work** – Pastor Raimundo Nonato was accepted as pastor at the XXVI of November Baptist Church on September 18, with 19 of our area pastors and families present. We ended up with 150 people there, standing outside, because of limited space. We spent six months there, and did our best to prepare for his arrival. The church had been without a pastor for two years and really without leadership for eight years. Thank you for your prayers related to that issue.

**Construction Projects** – Dry season is still upon us, so I have plans to go to Anori to raise the four thousand brick they have purchased, but the river went down so fast, it has left us in doubt if we can reach the port, and transport the rest of the material needed for the work. I am anxious to go before the rains hit, but am tied down with class and conferences here until the end of October.

**Thank You** – for your continued prayers and giving to the Lord's harvest in this region. We appreciate each and every one, knowing that many of you are giving sacrificially, so that missions can continue, regardless of the economic situation. We are doing our best to see that each dollar is spent wisely, and to its greatest effect.

In His Service,

*True and Diana Hawkins*



Youth rally at XXVI of November Baptist Church



The new pastor and family