



# The True Hawkins Family

June/July 2017



Missions Conference - Carauari

Dear Partners,

**FAMILY** – Thank you for your prayers in behalf of Nathaniel and our grandkids. We also very much appreciate your consideration of our ministry here and for your continued prayers for our safety and success.

**CHURCH MINISTRIES** – June was spent in finishing up at Mount Zion in Iranduba; the congregation is in the hands of missionary Estefanio who will finish the process to organize and call a pastor. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, a group of 7 of our pastors and I examined Ivan, a candidate for ordination. This was his third attempt to pass the test, and he was approved. We went to speak for the graduation ceremony on June 17 at the church in Presidente Figueiredo. There were 20 students who finished the basic Bible doctrine course. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, we went out to João Paulo, in the east zone of Manaus, where Pastor Ebersson had us teach on “True Praise and Worship” at that congregation. Dr. Lonnie Shipman was in town so I invited him to play the keyboard and trumpet to illustrate how to use instruments in church, and to answer questions at the end of the session. On the 25<sup>th</sup> we preached the final message of the missions conference at Carauari Baptist Church, on the theme “The Local Church and Missions”. Saturday afternoon on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Diana organized and promoted a city-wide ladies’ meeting to raise an offering for the visiting missionaries. She is also organizing the ladies together to help in the IBBA (Manaus Bible Institute) kitchen, preparing meals for the students. The evening of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> we spoke for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference of the Bible Baptist Church in Santa Etelvina. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, we will visit the congregation at Purupuru. Our plans were to travel to Roraima for a survey trip (17-26), but due to the river flooding and roads and towns being under water, we have postponed the trip.

**GENERAL** – We are caring for missionary Francisco Reis and wife Marliz who are church builders in the city of Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre. It has been a privilege to host and drive them to their meetings. We also cared for Aloisio, a church leader who is from the Baniwa tribe on the Içana River, who arrived for a medical visit. He was hit on the head by a falling branch, which crushed his skull. Miraculously, he survived the surgery, but has not recovered completely; pray for him. It was a blessing to me personally to hear his testimony and see his positive attitude. I think God is calling him into full-time ministry.

**BIBLE INSTITUTES** – Missionary Marcílio called and told me that the roof has been put on the building at Cumati Cachoeira on the Xié River. It is 18’ x 32’, which makes it large enough to have the Bible institute classes in. I have plans of going there soon to inaugurate it with a two-week session to begin preparing those men and women to evangelize, make disciples, and build churches among the tribal groups both in Brazil and Venezuela.

**THANK YOU** – We are very grateful for your constant prayers and faithful support, and for being our partners in this missionary effort.

In His Service,

*True and Diana Hawkins*



Ladies Fellowship



Organizing the Fellowship



Music Congress