



# The True Hawkins Family

August 2017

Dear Friends,



Missionaries Francisco Reis, Marliz & Adenisio

**Conferences** – On August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, we preached the youth conference at Bela Vista on “Relationships with People of Other Beliefs”, and “Be not Unequally Yoked”. We had almost 250 attend on Saturday evening, with some visitors from the community. Our next conference will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at the Colonia Baptist Church, on the theme; “The Church and the End Times”.

**Construction projects** – The tile floor in Purupuru looks very nice, and our next project for that work is to put the glass in the windows of the auditorium. Missionary Militão and wife Olivia are doing the best they can under the circumstances; her blindness is a huge challenge to them, but they continue working faithfully. The Bible institute wash house and grill are about 95% complete, and our next step is to dig a well; this should cut our light and water bill considerably. The church in João Paulo got the new steel structure and roof on this month. That is a relief, as the old one was sagging and ready to cave in.

**Church Activities** – We have spent the last three months caring for and driving missionaries Francisco Reis and wife Marliz to their meetings, and also pastor Adenisio from the town of São Gabriel. It has been a pleasure to have them here reporting on their work in the state of Acre, and for Adenisio to present a new outreach project for unreached tribes in northern Brazil and Colombia. Also, missionary Sebastião came in to report on his work on the upper Amazon River, and his project with the Colina tribe; he is the first to evangelize them. He travels along the rivers in his old canoe visiting communities on the Amazon’s tributaries in the four counties he works in.

We had the monthly pastor’s Prayer Breakfast on August 12, and had 26 pastors and missionaries present. There was a good spirit, and the hosting pastor, Amarildo, gave a great missionary challenge.

We have been helping Mount Sinai Baptist Church on Sunday mornings this month, due to their not having a pastor. Pray for this church, and for its need of a godly couple to lead them.

Diana continues working with the ladies in the Manaus churches with the idea of helping with the Bible institute projects and the missionaries’ needs. Their next meeting is on October 7<sup>th</sup>, here at IBBA.

**Bible Institute** – We had our teachers’ meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>, and quickly filled the needed classes with the pastors who will teach this semester. I will give Bible Doctrine the second six weeks of classes. News from the Inyenga Opakawa Bible Institute in São Gabriel is good. They have new students, and the graduate in December is from the Rupita tribe; the first one from that group to ever study. He is from the Tiqué River area, and one of the men Pastor Adenisio wants to work with to reach those people.

**Prayer** – Thank you as always for your continued prayers on our behalf. We have been delivered many times by them! Our Father’s Day in Brazil fell on August 13<sup>th</sup>; the justice department decided to let more than 1100 prisoners out of the penitentiaries for the weekend to see their families. Most of them will not return on their own, and will be on the streets until recaptured; this means that crime will rise drastically, which we have already seen this past weekend. Please continue to pray for our political and economic situation here in Brazil.



New floor – Purupuru congregation



Pastors’ Prayer Breakfast

In His Service,

*True and Diana Hawkins*