



The Smiths

Missionaries to

Brazil



Sharon and Bill

Dear Friends,



November, 2019

As we gather around the table on Thanksgiving Day to share what we are GRATEFUL for with one another, we must remember that we are called not just to SPEAK words of gratitude, but to LIVE and WALK by them! Because it's not what we say about our BLESSINGS, but how we USE THEM, this is the TRUE measure of our THANKSGIVING!!

We had a family give a special offering to be used for the works here in Brazil. We have divided this money between the churches. We are helping them with special projects that need done. This family wants to see souls saved and the churches remain faithful. Some of these Pastors receive a salary from their church but some must work a job as well. We are truly **Thankful** for this offering of love that was given. **Blessings and how we use them- True meaning of Thanksgiving.**

October – Friday morning, October 18, we received a phone call that Senhor Manuel had passed away that morning and the funeral would be in Caracarai. We were planning to leave Saturday afternoon for the Anniversary of the church Saturday and Sunday but decided to leave Friday afternoon to be with the family Friday evening. There are 6 children in the family so it was a large service at their home. They have an all night vigel and then the burial 24 hours later. Manuel had accepted the Lord and was attending church some until a few years ago. His wife is a prayer warrior. She has prayed for her children and their families. We trust thru the death of their Father they will see the need to get back in church and serve the Lord like they did as young people.

Bill was invited to preach the 41st Anniversary of the Bible Baptist Church Ebenezer in Caracarai on October 19-20. We had a Saturday night service with 120 or more present. We talked with a lady that was a teenager when we first started the church in Caracarai, and she is attending the church. We also met a lady that was a young girl and her family lived behind our house. She is attending the church with her daughter. We praise the Lord for the blessings of seeing these ladies and knowing we had a small influence in their lives.

November 4-9 Sharon will be teaching a Child Evangelism class at the Bible Institute in Caracarai and Bill will be preaching the message to end this 3-month period of study. There are only 4 students. Three have grown up in the church and felt the desire to study God's word and be better prepared to serve wherever the Lord leads. Pray for these students because they all have full time jobs as well as study at night.



The Bible Baptist Church in Novo Airão, Amazonas, located along the Black River, is starting a new Congregation in another area of town and they are building a small wooden building.

The main church is growing. The people are excited about beginning a new church in this new area. They bought a small piece of property and they could buy another piece right beside them for \$1,000.00. Pray for this church that we started back in 1975 and that the Lord would continue to bless them.

THANK YOU for your prayers and support to us and the works here in Northern Brazil! May God bless each of you as you serve Him wherever you are.

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Months of September and October
THANK YOU!

Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

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