



# The Smith's Missionaries to Brazil



Sharon and Bill

Dear Friends,

July-August 2022

**June** – We arrived in the States June 14<sup>th</sup> after 41 hours of airports, airplanes, and hotel. Pastor Cecil Thayer met us at Akron/Canton airport and took us direct to Cracker Barrel for a good hot meal. First good meal we had since leaving our home in Boa Vista. We are staying at the church apartment. Wednesday morning, we went to purchase the car that a friend found for us to use while in the States. We were able to do all the documentation that Wednesday. We were able to be in the church services that night at Massillon Baptist Temple even though we were late thinking it started at 7:30 and it started at 7:00. We did apologize.

Sharon's cousin, Susan (Simmons) Ferguson, was supposed to arrive June 24<sup>th</sup> from Edmonton, Canada. Her plane was delayed, and she ended up spending the night in Toronto arriving June 25<sup>th</sup>. We made a trip to visit relatives in West Virginia Monday and Tuesday. We were able to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with some friends and relatives. We had a good visit with Susan. She is now back in her home after all her experiences flying, delays and lost and found baggage.



**July** - We both had check-ups with our family doctor and received good reports. Sharon's knee was hurting after all the walking we had to do in the airport in Brazil. We were able to see the doctor that treated her in 2012. He gave her a shot of cortisone in the knee and that has really helped. A friend gave her a Rollator that has a seat so that has helped when going to the stores with so much walking and no place to sit.

We visited Bill's brothers and families this month. The brothers live around Newark, Ohio so we spent time with each one and their families. It was good to see them again after 5 years. We visited Bill's niece in Norwalk, Ohio and two of her brothers and her sister were there with their families - 22 people. Great time. In between visits we have been working on the storage units.

## Reports from Brazil.

**Alvorada Church** - Pastor Rogerio is responsible for the documents and getting the titles for the 3 church parsonages while we are in the States. Seems they always need just one more paper before completing the process.

**Caracarai Church** – Pastor Francisco Eloia said the 12 columns are now up to reinforce the brick building for the new congregation. The next project is to cover part of the building as the money comes in. They are painting and cleaning the present buildings getting ready for the church Anniversary in October.



We have visited a few of our supporting churches while here in Ohio. The days seem to go faster here in the USA. We are trying to get a schedule ready for August-October. We hope to visit some churches in Texas, Iowa, Michigan, and New York before returning to Brazil November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for us as we work on the storage units and as we travel these next few months. Our phone numbers: Bill – 330-234-2648 Sharon 330-201-7888.

Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

*Bill and Sharon*

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