

Boa Vista, Roraima



The Smith's

Missionaries to Brazil



Bill and Sharon

"Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on God's blessings and to offer Him our heartfelt gratitude. Wishing you a blessed Holiday Season."

Dear Friends,

November-December 2025

October - We sent our Passports by mail to Rio de Janeiro on October 3rd, and received both our old and new Passports on the 30th. The new ones are valid until 2035. Praise the Lord.



We received word from a missionary lady named **Marilyn Pitzer** that had worked in Venezuela for many years and is now retired. She came to Boa Vista to help with translation and we were able to meet with her again after many years. We had a great time even though it was for just one day. She was kept very busy with workshops and translation projects.

November - We went to the Eye Doctor here in Boa Vista on November 4th and Bill had an eye exam. It showed he couldn't see the center part of the letters. Lines were wavy instead of straight in the left eye. It showed he had **Macular Degeneration**. We went back on the 11th and he told us the best treatment was to receive eye injections to control MD periodically. Each injection would cost about \$1,400.00. That would include everything. He will have to take 2 vitamins a day which will be \$35.00 for 60 pills. We have confidence in the eye doctor and have been using him over 27 years. He did cataract implants for both of us. Bill said he would take the first injection on November 27th (Thanksgiving Day) He will mark the next one after we see how things go with the first injection. Please pray for him.

No shot on November 27th because the medicine didn't arrive so remarked for December 4th.

We were surprised with a phone call from **Phyllis Jackson Franks**, and her daughter Debbie Bowden, another retired missionary in the States. "Aunt Phyllis" was 91 years young on November 15th. She sounded just like we remember her voice from years ago in Brazil. They invited us to go out to eat with them. We had to refuse.



On the 20th two men came to repair the roof on the part of our house that had leaks during the rainy season. It took them about 5 hours to add new boards and redo the roof but Praise the Lord it didn't rain.



Bible Baptist Church in Caranã celebrated their 25th Anniversary. Pastor Paulo has been the Pastor since we began the church in 2000. There were 75 Saturday night and 50 Sunday night. The Lord has blessed with new people to help in the work. Pictured here is a model of the church buildings when started and then today. Some of the people in the Saturday night service.



We received word on November 24th that Bill's older brother, Raymond (Joe), was admitted to the hospital on November 22nd for heart and other problems. He just turned 79 on the 24th. We were able to call his son at the hospital and talk to Bill's brother. A great connection from Brazil to Ohio. We ask you to pray with us that he will get well soon.

Lord, bless those we love this Christmas, be they near or far away. Bless our friends who mean so much and those with whom we're out of touch. We bring them all to you in prayer and ask you to keep them in your care. Bless each one in this New Year of 2026!

Your Missionaries serving in Northern Brazil,

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