

Dear Friends,

July, 2013

May We had a total of 4 Mothers in our services on Mother's Day. Two were visitors and one Mother had just lost her older daughter in a car accident. Both Mother and daughter had been involved in drugs and etc. so we pray the Mother will be saved.

The church in Caracarai divided the older church auditorium into two parts and one is being used for the Bible Institute classroom. Other Sunday school classrooms have been built and we are happy to see a growth in the church in Caracarai. The Bible Baptist Institute classes began on February 18, 2013 with 5 adult students. We were able to help teach some of the classes during the months of May and June. It was a blessing to see these men and women grow spiritually. Gecelita was saved at the age of 9 during our ministry and now both her and her husband study in the Institute. They are both school teachers, Sunday school teachers and workers in the church He is a deacon as well. The church is building a small apartment for the teachers to stay when they travel to help teach in the Bible Institute. We are helping with this construction so we can have a place to stay instead of paying for a hotel room each time.





Pictured here is Pastor Luiz and his wife Rosa and the first five students to complete 3 months of studies at the Bible Baptist Institute. There will be a three month break and then another three month study period. They are following the same system as the Bible Institute in Manaus. During these three months each student is required to do various things in their church as well as their daily jobs. The Bible Institute classes will begin again in September and end in November.

**June** - There were over 75 present for the first service ending the three month studies of the Bible Institute on June 15, 2013. Many things are being done in Caracarai and we are praising the Lord for the desire of the pastor and students to study God's Word. We are helping in whatever way we can but this being a church ministry we want them to take the leadership. There are several more desiring to study so we are looking forward to a good group in September.



We sold our 17 year old "1996" Ford car and bought a 2011 Chevy minivan. The other pastors at our churches have had car



troubles in one way or another and we have helped them with repairs to keep them going. One of the cars blew the motor, the other had to have air conditioning repaired and the other car had to be sold because it had been hit and needed lots of repair so better to trade it in now. It is expensive to maintain cars here with the road system and the heat. There went the money from the sale of our car!

Your missionaries in Brazil,

Bill and Sharon

**Bill and Sharon Smith**