



Bill and Sharon

The Smiths Missionaries to Brazil



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Dear Friends,

July – The Anchor Bible Baptist Church celebrated their 16th Anniversary. Pastor Francisco is pastoring and needs a helpmate. Luiza died in March of 2012 so pray that the Lord will give him another wife to serve the Lord with him and his children. He just turned 40 and is trying to be Father, Mother, Pastor and everything to his two adolescents besides his work in a construction job.



A Youth Conference was held in Caracarai and Bill was the speaker this year. Over 100 youth and adults attended. This is the church we started in 1978 and is now under the leadership of Pastor Luiz Costa de Nascimento.



We flew to Manaus, Amazonas to visit with True and Diana Hawkins for a week to work on some Brazilian Mission projects that needed to be done. We had a good visit, accomplished some of what we had to do and brought some work back to Roraima with us.



August – Sunday morning August 11th the crown came off of Bill's tooth. Fortunately it wasn't a front tooth! Bill was able to preach and then go to the dentist on Monday. Both the pin in the crown and tooth had to be repaired. He finally got everything done in four days.



Katia went to an eye doctor in Manaus and he gave her a shot in the eye that really helped her vision. She had to return to the Northeast to the eye doctor that was treating her and she is still on medication. She has a disease in the eye and the medicine they give her is controlling the problem. Please pray for her. She is 16 years old, saved, but no encouragement from her family spiritually.

We received news from Caracarai that one of the girls from the church had been pushed into the river while playing and they have not been able to find her body. She participated in the Father's day services August 11, and her Father said she had brought him a plate of food even though he didn't attend the service. August 18 we received the news that a boy, 16 years old from the church drown in a reservoir where he had gone swimming with some other teens. He was saved but not attending church faithfully. His parents are saved but it is very painful to lose a son so young. Please pray for Messias and Francisca and their family.

August 15 we celebrated 43 years of marriage. as missionaries. The Lord has blessed us so much



It just seems like yesterday we were married and came to Brazil and we are so grateful that we can serve Him wherever we are.

September – We drove to Caracarai on September 9th to attend the first night of Institute classes. This will begin the second three months of study. Four of the five students have returned. One young lady is taking college courses and not able to study this time. A new couple will be studying so there will be six students total. Classes start September 9th and go until the middle of December. There will be a three month break and then start again in March of 2014. We will help teach some classes as well as the other two Pastors here in Boa Vista. Pastor Luiz will do most of the teaching. All the students are members of the church in Caracarai.



Thank You - We want to thank each of you that have a part in our ministry here in northern Brazil. We are working at the Bible Baptist Church- Alvorada and have a few couples coming faithfully. Some work and are not able to attend the services. It is a surprise each service as to how many we will have in attendance. Nahum 1:7 says "The Lord is good....and he knoweth them that trust in Him." The loud church that was across the street from us has closed and now it will be a fish market. We pray they won't disturb our church services and that we won't have a problem with "a fishy smell". Thank you for your prayers and financial support each month.

Your missionaries in Brazil,

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