



The True Hawkins Family

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Missionary Marcilio and family

Dear supporting Friends,

General News – Greetings from the warm humid jungles of the Amazon. We have had strange weather, with lots of rain in the dry season, and very little rain during what is supposed to be the wet. The upper regions are registering record flooding, so we expect a high year again, which means all our people along the banks of the Amazon River and tributaries will have to move to higher ground. Towns like Anamã, Anori, Careiro and many others will go under water, some up to eight feet or more. This affects their economies in many ways, the worst being that both their growing seasons for crops will be interrupted. This impacts everyone financially, and means that food gets scarce, and expensive.

Bible Institutes – Here in Manaus we begin on March 10 with six students registered so far. I will be teaching Romans, 12 weeks, 60 class hours, and possibly History of Israel, 9 weeks, 45 hours. We have three from the Cachiwana and Iscariano tribes, and three from Manaus and interior areas. Pray for us as we rebuild the school and restructure the fellowship. The Inyenga Opakawa institute in São Gabriel will have one graduate in May. The Beréa institute at Maçarico is planning on seven graduates in July, and Palavra da Vida at Macedônia will have at least one graduate. These men and women will have an enormous impact on the tribal churches among their particular ethnic groups and on many other villages around them.

Church ministries – We have been caring for three missionary families since December 5. They came to report, and needed medical attention and other things, so we have driven them around and helped them prepare to return to their respective fields. Pastor Alberto's wife, Cassia, became very sick while here, and I took her unconscious to the hospital, where they left her untreated for seventeen hours in a wheel chair, till I went and brought her home. After three days, we finally got her into the Tropical Hospital, where she spent twenty-three hours on a couch, and then finally got admitted, and a bed. She is better now, and ready to go back interior away from civilization. We have been very encouraged with the church's treatment of the missionaries, giving them needed equipment; printers, computers, clothes, food, boats and motors, and other items.

Interior Ministries – Pastor Sebastião, who works in the upper Amazon region, out of his church in Fonte Boa, came in to report on the work he has done for the last 16 months. He is reaching new communities, giving out Bibles, caring for the congregations, and ministering in several unreached Indian villages. On the Solimões River (Amazon), he was in 26 communities and 1 Indian village (Inuíma); on the Jutáí, 5; on the Japurá, 14 communities and 2 congregations; on the Juruá, 16, 1 congregation and 2 villages (Colinas); on the Maraã, 9 communities. We helped him purchase a new 9 H.P. motor for his canoe, and gave him 4 boxes of Bibles and other needed materials. I am very proud of these men and women, and humbled by their extreme sacrifice and dedication.

Thank You once again for being prayer and financial partners in the harvest here in Brazil.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins