



# The True Hawkins Family

September/October



Youth Congress

Dear Friends,

**Family** – Diana and I have escaped the effects of the “virus” that comes around about this time every year. Nathaniel, Anthony and Jesse are settled in their new house in Colorado. They are doing better while still adapting to the circumstances. Philip is overseas at his new post, where he will serve for the next three years.

**General News** – Pastor Carlos Alvarado in Sao Gabriel (650 miles upriver) called me and said his 16 month old boy died suddenly, seemingly a victim of malaria and other complications. Please pray for their family as they grieve the loss of their youngest.

Today we complete thirty days of the banks being closed due to our nationwide yearly bank strike. Rumor has it there is no agreement in sight. This has deeply affected all the levels of the economy, worsening the situation.

**Youth Congress** – We had a good group of young people (96) from more than a dozen of the churches here in Manaus who attended the annual congress September 3-6. I had the opportunity to teach four sessions on healthy relationships. There was a good spirit, with four saved, and it was a pleasure to invest in their future.

**Bible Institute** – We began classes here at IBBA (Manaus) on September 12<sup>th</sup> with 9 students. I began teaching the book of Job (nine weeks, 45 hours), and History of Christianity-reformation to present day (six weeks, 30 hours).

**Conferences** – I flew on September 9<sup>th</sup> to the city of Itaituba, in the state of Para for a three day conference on “The Church and the End Times”. The high attendance was Sunday night with 110 present, and 18 first-time adult visitors.

Visits to the church in Iranduba, on the Amazon River, and preaching the annual Bible conference at Mount Sinai Baptist here in Manaus, along with helping the churches without pastors kept us occupied this past month. We have three conferences lined up for the month of October, two of them out of town.

**Construction Projects** – Both the churches in Beruri and Purupuru have finished laying the tile in their auditoriums. The buildings are looking very nice, and the church members are very proud.

Our afternoons here in Manaus have been filled with maintenance at the IBBA (Bible Institute); pouring new sidewalks, painting, planting grass, finishing the memorial garden, and general clean-up as we prepare the grounds for the Pastors’ Prayer Breakfast on October 8.

Missionary Moises announced that the restroom facilities are approaching completion at the congregation on KM-142.

**Prayer** - Please continue to pray for the people and churches in Brazil. The violence has escalated again, and just the past few days as municipal elections were upon us, 96 politicians were murdered nationwide as they campaigned in their respective states, victims of their political adversaries. Continue to pray for our church leaders, for a greater missionary vision, and commitment to biblical principles.

In His Service,

*True and Diana Hawkins*



Itaituba Conference

