



The Smiths

Missionaries to

Brazil



Sharon and Bill

Dear Friends,

August, 2011

July – We had a campaign and divided into two groups. The theme was “Missions”. We wanted the people to write to the two Brazilian missionaries that our church supports – one in Chile and one in Venezuela. We also wanted them to bring visitors and work as a team presenting special music or Bible reading. Some services our attendance was down but they did participate more in the church services. We took up a special offering to buy 10 chairs to help the missionary start their new work in Chile. Each chair cost about \$12.00 and our small church sent them \$120.00.

On July 30th the 4 churches here in Roraima had our Ladies’ and Men’s meeting at the Alvorada church. This also marked our 40th year as Missionaries. We asked each church to bring a type of food common to the State where they were from since we have various states represented in our churches. At the end everyone tried a different kind of food like missionaries have to try sometimes. We invited a Christian man from the Fire Department and a lady that studied nursing to bring some helps on First Aid. We had 12 men and 16 Ladies.

While we were at a Tourist agency a young man working there asked Bill what his name was. Bill told him and he said “I know you. I saw a picture of you holding a stalk of bananas a long time ago at my Father’s farm.” We were able to visit his Mother and family that are now living here in Boa Vista. What a reunion after so many years. The Mother told us that we had planted the seed when we gave her a Bible and had services in her home years ago about 12 kilometers back in the jungle. She has been saved and is attending a Baptist church close to her home. She separated from her husband and has raised her 3 children working a full time job. She showed us where another lady and her daughter live that attended the services back then. We had a good visit with them as well and they live closer to our church so we are hoping to get them to come to the services. The daughter was saved and baptized at the church in Caracarai when she moved there to work for a family but does not attend any church now.



August- Father’s Day was August 14th here in Brazil. The Bible Baptist Church Anchor had a special service for the Father’s on Saturday night and there were about 8 Father’s present with their families.

We practiced a special reading to do for the Father’s on Sunday but only one Father came that morning and none came Sunday night. We presented the reading Sunday night anyway. We gave the two teenage boys the flashlights we had as presents for them to give to their Father’s and invite them to come to our church. It is sad when Father’s don’t take an interest in church and leading their family in the right way.

We will be arriving in the States on October 26th to start our furlough. Pray for us as we begin our furlough. We want to see as many of the ones that pray for us and support us financially as we can. It would be great to have opportunities to speak in other churches, and other places that would like to hear about what we are doing in Brazil.

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Thank you for your part in this work. Your prayers and financial support are an important part in reaching the Brazilian people with the Gospel. May God bless each of you as you serve Him.

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Thank You!

Your missionaries in Brazil,

Bill and Sharon