



Bill and Sharon

The Smiths Missionaries to Brazil



April, 2012

Dear Friends,

We said in our last prayer letter that the year of 2012 brought many new challenges. Bill had the allergic reaction to medicine and Sharon had knee problems.

Now another challenge has come. We received a phone call on March 17th that **Dona Luisa** was in the hospital. She had a bad headache, passed out and was taken to the hospital. While there she had two strokes and two heart attacks and was in a coma. **She passed away and the funeral was March 23rd.** She is the wife of Pastor Francisco that takes care of our house and things while we are in the States on furlough. He also pastors the Anchor Baptist Church in Boa Vista, Roraima. Please pray for Pastor Francisco and his two children: Liana age 13 and Joao Lucas age 10. **Luisa loved serving the Lord and we will miss her very much.**



Mission Conferences – We praise the Lord for churches that love Missions. We were privileged to be with the Regency Baptist Church and the Trinity Baptist Church in Texas for their Conferences in January and February. March we were with Sioux City Baptist Church in Iowa and Pensacola Baptist Temple in Florida. Keep up the good work of sending the Gospel around the world.

Churches Visited – We have shared the work in Brazil with churches in Ohio, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Georgia these past months. We hope to be in several other churches before returning to Brazil the end of June this year of 2012. It is always good to see how the churches are growing and continuing on with their Mission giving even in these hard times. We thank each of our supporting churches for their faithfulness in giving so that we might go back to Brazil.

Sharon celebrated her Birthday on April 1st with a Open House here in Massillon, Ohio the day before. A lot of family and friends came and we all had a good time of fellowship.

Sharon went to the doctor on April 04th and he said she needed to have an arthroscopy scope done on her left knee to repair the tear in the meniscus. Please pray for her as she has the outpatient surgery on April 23rd. She is scheduled to speak at the Mother Daughter luncheon at Massillon Baptist Temple on May 5th. Pray the Lord will allow her to recover quickly and be a blessing to the ladies at the church where she grew up and attended for many years.

We presented our work of Brazil at the Massillon Baptist Temple, Massillon, Ohio, on Easter Sunday. We trust each of you were able to be in church and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. **Hallelujah Christ Arose and we can serve a Living Saviour.**

Hallelujah, Christ Arose

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Months of Jan, Feb and March
THANK YOU!

Your missionaries in Brazil,
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