



# The Smiths

## Missionaries to

# Brazil



**Bill and Sharon**

Dear Friends



**Furlough Travels September**

October 2017

Since our last Prayer Letter, we traveled to Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Ohio during the months of September and October. **Here is a short summary about the churches we visited.**

- Regency Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas.** Great service with Pastor Bob Wallace and his fine people Sunday morning.
- Norris Bible Baptist Seminary.** We gave a devotion and what a blessing to see the students serving the Lord.
- Worth Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.** We attended the Mission Conference and represented Brazil for the International Supper. We met other missionaries and presented the work in Brazil Wednesday night after the Conference.
- Central Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.** Great service and great people.
- Faith Bible Baptist Church in Century, Florida.** We shared two days of the Mission Conference with Pastor Barrow and the church. We met several new missionaries. Food and fellowship was great.
- Dr. and Mrs. Dale Adkins at the Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, Florida.** What a ministry they both have at the College.
- Riverside Baptist Church, Indialantic, Florida.** Dr. Howard Dean and the fine people of the church. Pastor Dean presented Sharon with a 3-pound bag of M&M's, her favorite candy.
- Grace Bible Baptist Church, Fruitland Park, Florida.** The air conditioner in our car started giving us problems. The mechanic said we needed to add Freon to the air conditioning unit. Thanks to the church for providing a mechanic and for paying the bill!
- Pine Level Baptist Church in Starke, Florida.** We met Pastor Mark Ogle. Some of the people even remembered us after 10 years.

### Furlough Travels October



- Pensacola Baptist Temple, Pensacola, Florida -** We could stay several days at this church just resting and recuperating from our travels. We presented the work Sunday morning and night and had a great time sharing with these fine people.
- Bible Baptist Church, Pace, Florida.** We tried to use our computer and projector at this church but it just wouldn't work. Bill represented our work by talking instead of showing the video. We had a good time visiting with Pastor Brock and the church people.
- Walker Springs Road Baptist Church, Jackson, Alabama.** October 8, we experienced hurricane Nate while staying at the Mission House. A lot of wind and rain but we were safe. We presented the work in Brazil during the Sunday morning service. The IBFI Fellowship Meeting was October 10-12 at the church and we had a great meeting. We enjoyed hearing the preaching from some of the younger preachers that we had never heard before. The church provided lunch each day and we feasted spiritually and physically.
- Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, Ohio -** Great Mission Conference and great to be back at the church where Bill was saved. So many friends to reunite with and so many new people to meet. The theme was "For the Cause". The Christian school children presented a program of songs and each year it is fantastic as they sing in different languages.
- Victory Baptist Temple, Brimfield, Ohio -** This was the last church on our travels but what another great meeting!

### People we visited between our church meetings.

**Don Halgren, Ocala, Florida; Jane Burns and Miriam Abbott, Live Oak, Florida; Benjamin and Mary (Beiter) Gilley, Pensacola, Florida; Mark and Kim Taghon and her parents Rev. Rick and JoAnn McClain, Pensacola, Florida; Edilson and Rachel Costa, Trenton, Georgia; Flo McMillan, McDonald, Tennessee; Dan and Phyllis (Jackson) Franks, Crossville, Tennessee.**

Praise the Lord no major damage was done to the churches we visited after hurricane Irma. Louisiana and Florida made us feel at home with the weather being hot like Brazil. We stayed in some Mission Apartments and appreciate the love the people have for Missionaries by providing the wonderful facilities. We received many gift cards and snacks from each church and that was a blessing. Now we must find time to use our gift cards before returning to Brazil November 22. We want to thank each church and the people that gave to us in our travels. Yes, we are tired but what a blessing each person was to us. We know we are being prayed for and that makes the difference. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as well as the Brazilian works that they will remain faithful.

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Months of August and September  
THANK YOU

Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

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