



# The Smiths

## Missionaries to

# Brazil



Sharon and Bill

Dear Friends,

**Back to Boa Vista, Roraima, Brazil**

December, 2017

After three days of traveling and visiting missionaries we finally arrived at our home in Boa Vista, Roraima on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2017. All went well on the flights. Praise the Lord for wheel chair service. Bill even got to enjoy the service at the Miami airport since it was a long way between Delta and American. We probably would still be wondering around the airport if they wouldn't have taken us direct to the areas we needed to go. We told them about being missionaries in Brazil the best we could since they all spoke Spanish.

We were able to celebrate Thanksgiving in Manaus with True and Diana Hawkins as well as Tim and Betty Hawkins and family. They even fixed turkey and all the trimmings which sometimes it is hard to find a turkey at the store. Thank you for the special food and for celebrating with us. We trust each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving also!

We left Manaus around midnight Friday night for the one-hour flight to Boa Vista. We were excited when we saw the lights of the town from the airplane. When we landed, Pastor Paulo was there to greet us and help take our suitcases to our house. We praise the Lord for Pastor Rogerio and his wife for cleaning our house and taking care of things while we were gone the 8 months to the States for furlough. We arrived at our house around 2:00am Saturday morning.

We attended a Mission Conference at one of our churches that night and we were able to see many of the people and they welcomed us back. Sunday, we attended the church with Pastor Rogerio and Sharon was asked to play the piano again. The electricity was off at first but then came on and we had a good morning service. That evening the church gave us a welcome back party with all kinds of good food. We are happy to be back and greeting all our friends once again.

Bill has been busy paying bills, buying drinking water, buying propane for the stove, talking to a man about getting our printer up and ready. Phones needed to be connected again. The air conditioner in the living room was not working so that had to be repaired. Food had to be replenished for our house. He has been busy in and out of the **HEAT**. We found out it hasn't rained here for 30 days. Things are very dry, so they have been rationing the water. Bath time is either early morning or late at night.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> we hope to attend the services in Caracarai which is a 2-hour drive from here. This will be the end of the Bible Institute Classes for this period. There are no graduates this time but there are 8 men and women studying. We are looking forward to visiting with the people from this church that we started back in 1978.

Thank you for your prayers for our trip back to Brasil and for the privilege of being in your church or corresponding with you in some way. Please continue praying and giving that we might reach more Brazilians for the Lord.



Lord, bless those we love this **Christmas Day**, be they near or far away  
Bless good friends who mean so much and those with whom we're out of touch.  
Bless them all, both young and old with all the love their hearts can hold  
Bless them now and through the year with simple joys, good will, and cheer.  
We bring them all to you in prayer and ask you to keep them in your care.

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Months of October and November

THANK YOU

Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

**Bill and Sharon**

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