Boa Vista, Roraima



The Smith's Missionaries to Brazil

Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day.



Sharon and Bill

## Dear Friends,



Pastor Rogerio read the constitution to the people of the **Bible Baptist Church in Alvorada** on December 29<sup>th.</sup>2024. Each one that wanted to be a founding member signed the Minutes of the meeting.

We are happy to have the church organized and we pray the Lord will continue to use each member to be faithful in attendance as well as giving and supporting their Pastor and family.

**January** –January 8<sup>th</sup> was Bill's 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We had cake and ice-cream at church that night. Bill had to renew his driver's license. We both had check-ups for our eyes and Bill had to get new glasses but Sharon's check-up was fine.

We received word that Mrs. Elaine Hawkins passed away at 94 years old. We worked with them In Manaus when we first came to Brazil in 1972. We know each of her 6 children. The funeral and burial was January 25<sup>th</sup> in Texas. She will be missed but she "finished her course and kept the faith."

**February** –We went to Caracarai for the Pastor's Breakfast on the 15<sup>th</sup>. All 4 Pastors were present and we had a good time eating and having some Bible games. Later they fixed fried fish as well as cooked fish. We made the trip down and back with Pr. Rogerio and his wife. Bill enjoyed not having to drive and being able to look at the fields and scenery.



Two ladies from the Alvorada church had Birthdays this month. One lady turned 70 and had a Birthday party at the church with lots of cookies and cakes. She invited her family to come for this special church service.

The other lady celebrated her Birthday and 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with

a supper and cakes for both of their families and us at a restaurant.

We had lots of eating and fellowship this month.

**March** - Sharon went to see the dentist in February and he told her she needed a root canal. We had to schedule having it done with another dentist for March 5<sup>th</sup>. Sharon doesn't like going to the dentist but this was one of those times that she had to make the visit. It took about 30 minutes. Next visit is March the 13<sup>th</sup>. He will clean it out again and that should be it.

Caracarai will be having their 6<sup>th</sup>Annual Ladies Conference on March 15<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is well attended and the Ladies look forward to having other churches come and participate. Pastor Rogerio and Zipora said they would take us with them to attend the meeting. We will spend the night and attend Sunday School with the church in Caracarai and be back for the evening service in Boa Vista.



Wednesday night, March 5th, there was a young man visiting his aunt that is a member of the church. We hadn't seen him since he was a baby and his family had moved back to the Northeast. He had a picture of his Father being baptized by Pastor Bill at the church in Caracarai. He looks a lot like his Father. His Father passed away last year. His Aunt is with us in the picture as well as Pastor Rogerio.

We haven't had a heavy rain for a couple of months. We paid to have our house and sidewalk painted on March 6 & 7 hoping to get it done before it rained. Guess what? We had  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches of rain in 12 hours. We sure needed the rain but not while they were doing the painting. We didn't have any bad leaks and the paint is still good.

May God bless each of you as you serve Him in your place of service. Thank you for your Prayers and support. Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

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