



Services at Macaw Lake

The True Hawkins Family - Brazil

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Church Work – These last two months have been filled with three weddings, two church anniversaries, one revival, one Bible conference, and two mission conferences. One of the weddings we did was interior, at a Baniwa Indian community. We accepted this invitation to unite Rosa and Arnaldo to set the standard for future couples, because of the practice in general of just living together.

We had 23 present at our youth activity at the end of June. God has given us a few young people with conviction and a vision.

We promoted the first music congress on July 29, 30, and had 44 musicians and their pastors present. There were three sessions, designed to demonstrate the damage that the wrong kind of music can do to a church, and then established standards and convictions about Godly music. Dr. Lonnie Shipman was with us, and taught two of the sessions, and then was at several of the churches singing, playing and teaching.

Bible Institutes – The institute complex in Manaus is being re-roofed, and a wall is being erected around the perimeter. We have plans of erecting a new auditorium for institute and church activities on the grounds also.

News from the Içana River is good. Marcilio phoned and said he has eight students confirmed for the institute, and will travel to the Buia (snake) River for conferences and teaching opportunities. Alberto has 12 students at Word of Life Institute and the graduates are already working preaching in areas never before reached with the gospel.

Travels – We made three trips up the Rio Negro and one up the Amazon to Arara (Macaw Lake), where we spent four days visiting the missionary and the work at the “Palestine” community. There are between 25 and 30 attending the congregation there, and were excited to receive our visit, and the Bibles and materials we took with us. This village is 14 hours upriver, and is accessible during “high water”, when the river is full. Unfortunately, this is the time when there are swarms of biting flies during the day and mosquitoes at night. We were not able to have a public meeting in the village square because of this. We went to encourage the people, but were the ones who ended up encouraged the most, seeing the disposition and faith of the Christians there.

Our next trip is on the 22nd of August, when we leave for Anori, and plan on spending ten days, and raise the brick on the foundation in that town. The river is dropping so we’ve got to hurry, as the port dries up, leaving the boat about two miles from where we will be building, making it a four mile walk to and from every day. This is malaria season up there, so we are a little concerned. This town is 18 hours above Manaus, and is in a strategic location, making it a very good place for a church. They are running around 30 in attendance, and will need a pastor shortly.

General – We are continuing to hold meetings with our pastors here, to achieve our goal of making all the ministries here in Northern Brazil completely indigenous. This is a slow process, and we ask you all to pray as there are some problems that need to be resolved.

Thank You for your continued prayers and support. We count it a privilege to be your missionaries to the Amazon. You are an encouragement to us as you stand with us, and co-labor with us in the Lord’s harvest.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins



Music Congress – question time



Sunday School at Macaw Lake