



VBS –Boa Vista

The True Hawkins Family - Brazil

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Dear Faithful Supporters,

Rainy season is upon us with a vengeance. It can rain up to 6” a day, so mold and 100% plus humidity are our constant companions. Our outside activities are limited to short and fast dashes to and from covered areas.

Bible Institutes – IBBA has started here in Manaus. I’ll be teaching Genesis for nine weeks. We have 10 students, 2 of them from the Iscariano tribe, from the state of Pará. Donizete and Alvaro are the first men from that tribe to study the Scriptures and prepare for the ministry. Another man, Davi, from the Cachiayana tribe on the Nhumundá River, is also a first, and we are excited about the prospects of reaching these tribes through these men.

Pastor Marcilio called from São Gabriel and said that God blessed his trip to Venezuela, contacting two tribes, the Wahiwa and the Warekena. These are unreached tribes, and God has opened the door for them to hear the gospel. He had several saved and five baptized on his last trip, and is now teaching five hours a day at the Berean Bible Institute, which has nine students from three different tribes.

Pastor Luis Pedro has four students, and will be teaching them until mid-May. The 14 graduates from the Inyenga Opakawa Institute are all working in missionary or pastoral ministries.

Boa Vista – Our time there (seven weeks) was spent in preaching and teaching and encouraging our churches and pastors in that state. We helped begin the youth meetings between the three churches, and had 36 youth present on February 25th. We had an excellent trip down, in record time, due to the newly patched and fixed pavement, with only about 30 miles of holes. We made it through the Wai Miri-Atroari Indian Reserve without being stopped and “fleeced”.

Construction – Due to the heavy rainfall, work in Anori and Purupuru are stopped. We plan to go upriver on the Purus River to Beruri in April to finish raising the brick, if the weather permits. Our plan is to leave all three buildings covered and ready for use by July.

The congregation at Lago das Araras (Macaw Lake) is awaiting their roof, which we plan to send next week. They have had attendance in the 30s, and have begun an outreach program.

Thank You – Thank you for your faithfulness. We ask that you pray for our family here as we work to turn over the ministries to national leadership here in Manaus. There is so much to do here, and we are challenging the churches to stand up and go forward.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins



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