



Visiting Purupuru

The True Hawkins Family - Brazil

August 2012

Dear Co-laborers,

Short Furlough – We will be spending two months in the U.S., August 22nd through October 30th. The time will be spent resolving family matters, which we will write more about in our next letter. We also will take time for some medical and a mission conference.

Boat Project – It took a month, but we finished repainting the boat. The original paint lasted 12 years, so we hope it will last longer this time. It turned out to be a bigger project than we had anticipated. We have used the boat to transport work and visitation groups to the interior towns and new missions.

Construction Projects – The doors and windows for the building in Beruri are being made and will be sent next month upriver to that city.

The river has gone down two meters (six feet) and the church in Anori is preparing to put on their roof, after they finish the “drying out” process.

In Purupuru, we are finished with stage one, and can receive church groups to make visits and work teams to begin the foundation on the auditorium.

In Presidente Figueiredo, they will begin laying the bricks for the Sunday school department this month, if the missionary is able to return from treatment. He is in line for a kidney transplant.

At KM142 the building is ready for the roof, which will be sent this week by truck, 95 miles up BR174. They will put it on and stucco the walls and pour a subfloor to prepare it to be used by the end of September.

Missions – News from the Xié River is that there were 35 saved in 4 services, and on the Rio Negro 78 decisions were made for salvation, baptism, and rededications. A new opportunity to preach to the unreached tribes from Colombia and Venezuela, and there were almost 200 present. One of the communities had been contacted in the past, and they were overjoyed to hear the gospel again after 18 years of isolation. We have invested in men and women in that region because we can't enter there, as the area is restricted. This is the reason why there are Bible institutes there inside the reservation, so we can reach, teach, and establish indigenous churches by their own people. We have a great challenge before us, as we have 305 ethnic groups that speak 274 languages.

Prayer – Please pray for our “Turn Over” project that was begun several years ago, and is advancing slowly. We have met with some resistance and attacks from the enemy. We had hoped to turn all ministries over by 2014, but may have to extend that date. God has been good, and a lot has already been accomplished, but there is much more ground still to be won.

Thanks – As always we appreciate each and every one of you, as you stand with us and go through us. It is a privilege to be your representative to the Amazon.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins



Starting the job



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