

The True Hawkins Family - Brazil

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Dear Fellow Laborers,

Thank you for all the cards and letters received last year, and for the encouragement given. We are under a heavy load, so we have appreciated your kindness and consideration. The Christmas gifts were very special, allowing us to participate in our children's and grandchild's lives, even though they are all thousands of miles away.

Construction – The Anori church is welding up their roof, and hope to cover the building as soon as the rains let up a little.

I have not been able to travel due to legal work in Manaus, so pastor Dionso went to Beruri and is setting up the church there to receive the materials for the roof for that auditorium.

Pastor Francisco, who works in Nova Floresta in Manaus, is our brick layer for the work in Purupuru, and we spoke last Sunday and plan to begin the foundation in March, because of the heavy rainfall, 1-3 inches a day.

Pastor Moisés, our missionary at KM 142 and in Presidente Figueiredo, should go south on the 17th to receive a new kidney, so the work has stopped temporarily.

New Work – The church in Lirio do Vale “Lily of the Valley” here in Manaus, came last week to talk to me about a preaching point at KM 131 (81 miles) on BR 174, the road north out of Manaus. They want to begin building a shell to meet in on the property, which is 13 km – 8 miles – into the jungle off the highway. They have asked me to help them begin this project which is near a community of farmers and fishermen.

River Evangelism – We helped, along with several of our churches, purchase an 18 foot aluminum canoe with a 15 hp Yamaha outboard for the missionaries in Lago do Arara (Macaw Lake). They will use the boat to spread the gospel as far as Anamã, a city on the Amazon River, and the communities up and down river from Capiranga, the larger town in that region.

Speaking with our missionary in Novo Airão, a town about 100 miles upriver from Manaus on the Rio Negro, he spoke of a desire to work in Anori, and the areas up and down river on the Amazon, so our project is taking shape. There are thousands of people along the rivers and passageways into lakes all through the northern part of Brazil and neighboring countries that need to be reached with the gospel.

Prayer – Please continue to pray for our safety and well-being here in Manaus. The level of violence has continued to rise, with no end in sight. We have also taken on the responsibility of being legal representatives of the Brazilian mission, which will cost much time and effort, along with aggravation and patience to deal with red tape.

Thanks – We appreciate so much each and every one of you who give and pray faithfully for us. You are our partners in this great work.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins