



Micade Community

# The True Hawkins Family - Brazil

March/April 2013

Dear Praying Friends,

**Family** – We will make a quick trip to the U.S. in May for Philip’s graduation from the USAF Academy, meet our new grandson and attend the May fellowship. We also need some family time with relatives, and we hope for some down-time.

**Indigenous Missionaries** – News from Pastor Alberto and the Word of God Bible Institute is good. They have 7 students, who are taught in the Baniwa and Curipaco language, on the reserve, and who are reaching unsaved people on the Aiari, Quiari, Cuiari, and Içana Rivers. At one Bible conference, there were 548 people present, 8 saved and 10 baptized at the community. At Miriti, Bela Vista, 2 weeks later, 13 communities came and 732 people were present, with 10 saved, and 7 baptized. They spent 2 days in 6 new communities where for the first time they were able to preach the Gospel, as they had been previously closed.

Pastor Marcilio continues to teach and train at the institute at Maçarico, and traveled again to the upper reaches of the Xié River, contacting new communities and preaching and teaching at the churches along that river. He has had eight saved and baptized, and is teaching nine students in the Berean Institute. The students are training during the weekends, doing VBS in the communities around Maçarico, and have seen doors opened and children saved, deep into the tributaries of the Içana River.

**Bible Institute** – There are seven students, and two will graduate in May. We are teaching two 9-week courses, Hermeneutics and Poetical Books, each class 45 hours of classroom instruction. Our fellowship of pastors are rallying around the institute, and beginning to see that it is a crucial part of building churches and keeping the faith.

**Continued Violence** – The situation here continues to deteriorate. A man was gunned down in the parking lot of the grocery store we use, very close to our house, and during the daylight hours. The problem is nation-wide, as in Rio, where they had to close a runway of the Tom Jobim International airport due to heavy caliber gunfire between the special police and bandits in the favela (slums).

**New Works** – On April 8, the pastor and two of the men from Lily of the Valley Baptist Church went with me to KM 130 (85 miles) on BR-174, north of Manaus to a side road called Micade, and 9 miles in to where we plan to build a church. They have lights, but no water, and we hope to break ground this dry season (July-November). On April 20, we hope to go to Purupuru to buy the rest of the materials needed to finish the building there. The material for the roof is there, a gift from a member at Betel, one of our churches here in Manaus.

The materials for the structure and roof for Beruri have been sent, and await the team to put them in place. Joacir and Charleson, the two church leaders in that city, were almost beside themselves with the news of the arrival of the long awaited roof. It has been a difficult project to do, but I believe God will bless this work richly.

In His Service,

*True and Diana Hawkins*



9 miles on this road



Site for future church