

The True Hawkins Family - Brazil



Graduation!

June/July 2013

Dear Friends,

Family – We had a good visit with our two boys this trip, and were together as a family for the first time since 2009. We really enjoyed the graduation week at the Academy and Philip is on his way to his new post in Texas for further pilot training. Nathaniel and Amanda are also in Texas. Our new grandbaby, Jesse, was born on June 21st. It was a joy to be able to help out a little before we headed back to Brazil.

Health – The stay in the U.S, helped us get over our latest bout of Dengue Fever. We are much better, and able to work the entire day without a stop to rest. There are still some symptoms, but they are waning.

Construction Projects – On July 14th we went 80 miles up BR174 to Presidente Figueiredo to preach and see the progress on the construction. They hope to finish the auditorium floor and raise the brick at street level by September. The two floors below are almost done, and will be the parsonage and Sunday school rooms.

In Beruri, the roof is planned to be put on the 2nd week of August, and the people there are very excited. They had planned to finish it this month, but lacked finances.

We will be sending the ceramic tile for the floor of the church in Urucará next week. This work was begun by missionary Valcides, and is very close to being organized. It is located about 200 miles downriver from Manaus on the Amazon.

We purchased the roof for the congregation in Cidade do Leste, an eastern suburb of Manaus, so they can finish their Sunday school annex. They needed urgent help, before the rains set in, to finish the rooms, due to their rapid growth.

Personal Ministries – The need to fill the pulpits of our churches that are without pastors has continued to fill our Sundays. There are currently five churches in Manaus in this situation.

We continue on as legal representatives for our national mission, which is a difficult and frustrating job.

Bible Institute – Classes start on September 9th, and I will be teaching at least one 9-week course; the book of Job. We have a meeting on July 29th, which will determine who will teach and what classes will be left over, that I may get to teach. Our enrollment is low, and we are working on building up this very important ministry here in North Brazil.

Conferences Planned – We are looking forward to pastor Henry Lewis being here in August, and Dr. Lonnie Shipman in September, and Dr. Gerald McKelroy in November for meetings and lessons.

Thanks – Thank you for your consideration and prayers on our behalf. We appreciate you, and are grateful for all your kindness and continued contributions.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins



A new grandbaby