



The True Hawkins Family

August/September 2013



Beruri

Dear Faithful Friends,

Bible Institutes – We began classes on September 9th, with a good spirit and several new teachers. We are in the process of building the Institute back up, and our pastors here in Manaus are ready and willing to begin taking on the financial responsibility of the school along with the daily administration.

I received word from both our missionaries that have Bible institutes in among the tribal groups of the upper Rio Negro area. Pastor Alberto called from their community phone (a miracle it was working) to tell me he has eight students from three different tribes, that are being trained and are already reaching their own people along the tributaries of the Içana River, in Brazil and Colombia. He continues to travel the rivers in between the two semesters per year and teach in the churches the students have begun and reach new communities.

Pastor Marcilio called and said he continues to teach nine students at the institute at Maçarico, and also has continued his trips in between semesters, teaching the churches and he has recently contacted people groups from Venezuela and the extreme tip of Brazil. I am encouraged with these men, as they are not only training men and women, but are establishing new churches and strengthening the already established.

Construction Projects – The roof was put on the building in Beruri on August 10th. Pastor Henry Lewis, his granddaughter Miranda, Diana, and I went on August 19th to dedicate the building, hand out Bibles and visit the church people. There were 32 present at the service, which had to be held at 5 p.m., due to no lights. Several pastors from our churches in Manaus plan to go and officially begin services on October 5th.

All the iron for the structure and floor for the building in Presidente Figueiredo has been purchased and will be delivered on September 16th. They plan to pour the floor in early October, and finish the classes and parsonage by December.

The church in Anori should have their roof on by September 26th, as the work team is prepared and awaiting transportation.

Personal Ministry – We have continued to help in our churches that are without pastors, administering the Lord's table, preaching and teaching, and helping one of our pastors who had a tumor removed from his brain. He will be out of the pulpit for six months, so we ask prayer for Nilo, pastor of Lily of the Valley Baptist Church. Saturday, the 21st, I will be preaching the ordination service of a young man named Marcelo – who is working at the Valley of Blessing Baptist Church here in Manaus. We are expecting Dr. Lonnie Shipman on the 25th for a series of prophecy conferences here in Manaus and surrounding areas.

Pray – Please continue to pray that God will strengthen our pastors here in the Amazon, and prepare them to continue the work begun here almost 60 years ago. We see encouraging signs, and they are stepping forward to shoulder the responsibility.

Please continue to remember us in prayer, for our safety and health, and that God would continue to open doors of opportunity for new ministries.

Thanks – As always, we appreciate your continued interest and missionary vision for our region of Brazil. Thank you for your prayers and support, and for standing with us.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins