



The True Hawkins Family

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Purupuru

Dear Friends,

Interior Ministries – One of our students from the Iscariano tribe, came into Manaus and gave me an update. Fernando, graduate of the institute here in Manaus, from the Wai-Wai, led a group of four pastors on a missions trip to the Arara people (Macaw), hoping to preach the gospel among them. The Arara “heard them well”, and there were 120 saved and baptized. They are returning again with a group of fifteen to stay longer and teach. These areas and people that are being reached are very difficult to get to, and for anyone from the “outside” to enter. Donize also said that there was a Bible conference at Kasawá, with over 2900 present, from three different states, and several tribes represented. They travel days on rivers and jungle paths to attend, and spend several days hearing the gospel. He was proud to say that they asked him to speak on the death of Christ. He was nervous to speak before such a large group, but he said, “God spoke through me.” At this meeting they had a chief from the Waimiri-Atroari tribe, the most warlike and violent tribe that I know. After hearing the Word preached and the people sing and watching how they acted, he spoke to the general counsel and said, “This is what we need in our tribe, we want this that you have.” Our student also told us that there is one pastor and church among the Waimiri, a completely unreached tribe until now.

Indian Bible Institutes – Pastor Alberto spent a month in Manaus visiting and reporting to his supporting churches. The Bible institute on the Ayari River continues with six students, one of them from Colombia. His evangelistic ministry on the six rivers in his area has produced much fruit, and raised up persecution. He told me his two nieces married into the Tukano tribe, and are living on the upper Uaupés River. This is a dangerous area, and he will now have an excuse to be among those people, and reach them with the gospel. While at Caruarí Baptist Church, God touched the heart of a member that has a new business, and he bought a brand new 7.5 meter aluminum canoe (\$5500 US) that Alberto has desperately needed for the mission trips.

Baptism – We were invited by the church in Presidente Figueiredo (80 miles up BR-174) to baptize 6 on January 1. Two men, three ladies and one child were baptized, and it was good to see their joy in following the Lord’s ordinance. Our missionary couple working there continues to face extreme hardships with dialysis three times a week, diabetes, and much persecution, but the Lord is blessing. We have a new work on Km 6 of “Gypsy Road”, in a perfect location, and more than 500 families living in that area. Pray for Luis and his family as they lead the work.

New Fellowship – On January 11, we meet again to plan the organizational meeting for our fellowship. We are praying that most of the pastors will be present so we can decide on the by-laws and structure, and go forward. This project has taken much of my time and effort; sessions with our lawyer, trips to the government offices, long meetings with the pastors have taken their toll. A fellowship is necessary here to not only continue the work that was begun in 1938, but to expand it into a worldwide missionary effort. Pray for us!

Victories – During 2013, we have seen many good things happen. Cross tribal evangelism by our graduates, the pastors more united, the Bible institute in Manaus beginning to grow again, the building up and being used in Beruri, the building up and ready for roof in Purupuru, the construction in Presidente Figueiredo almost done, and God moving in hearts.

Thank You for your faithfulness over 2013. We are grateful for each and every one who is standing with us, praying and giving to the ministry here in the Amazon.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins



New Year baptism



New work on KM 6