



The True Hawkins Family

July/August 2015



Travel to the Interior

Dear Praying Friends,

Family – Both Diana and I are fairly over the “yearly virus” we caught in May, but still have some symptoms. The weather has changed to dry season, so we feel better anyway.

Construction Projects – Tim went up to Presidente Figueiredo and checked on the progress of that project. We sent the steel structure and roof up, and they are in the process of putting it on. This will finish the auditorium, besides the touch-up, which is also all that lacks on the two floors below.

Our next trip interior will be to Purupuru, where the floor needs to be measured for the tile, and the windows and doors so we can have them made.

I have not been able to get into the Micade work yet, but now that the rains have let up, we are planning a visit to Clovis and Celina to see the work, and the new building.

Pastors’ Congress – We went interior July 21-29 (685 miles upriver from Manaus) to the works on the Içana River. Our team consisted of Pastor Valcides, Pastor João Lima and I, and we went up for a 4-day meeting with our pastors in that area. There are 37 indigenous churches (Baniua, Cubeu, and Iyengatu, tribes) scattered over the region, on 5 rivers; Içana, Negro, Buia, Cubati, and Xié. Twenty-eight of the pastors were present, and we taught three subjects; Missions, Doctrine of Salvation, and Pastoral Theology and Ethics. Our next trip will be farther up the river to the Aiyari (4 days upriver on the Içana), where we have a Bible institute, and 26 pastors and churches in Brazil and Colombia. These are among the Coripaco, Tucano, and other tribes in Colombia. The possibilities of these works reaching neighboring tribes in Brazil, Colombia, and Venezuela is what we are excited about and working toward.

Violence – On the 2nd weekend of July, there was an outbreak of violence in Manaus. There were 38 murders and 9 in ICU due to gunshot wounds. The situation here is escalating rapidly.

Prayer – Please remember our work in Anori, which remains underwater. The river rose to record heights, and is not going down. It has been 6 months now, the streets remain flooded, and no one has been able to plant gardens, so their income for this year is compromised. They plant manioc, vegetables, fruits, and jute. They plant on the river bottomland, and depend on the river going down by August.

Thank You – as always for your continued prayer and support. We appreciate each and every one who stands with us.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins



Pastors present at congress



Church Service at Foz do Içana