



The True Hawkins Family

September/October 2015

Dear Fellow laborers,



Youth Congress

Bible Institute – Classes started here in Manaus on September 14 with 10 students. I am teaching Exodus and The Tabernacle, a twelve-week, 60-hours class course. We have a good spirit in class, and we're looking forward to a good semester.

Church Ministries – The month of September was spent preaching three anniversary and missions conferences, and the annual youth congress. The general theme this year was to "Continue in the Faith", and to "Reach the Lost at Any Cost". We continue doing the Sunday school hour at Gethsemane Baptist Church, until they can call a pastor, and helping fill the pulpit in the other churches without pastors.

Interior Works – Pastor Valmir and Rosimery have come down from upriver and their work on Aparecida Island for her eye surgery. They have been fighting huge battles against the enemy. The roof blew off their new church building during a violent storm last week. Their work has been attacked on every side, but they continue on, serving the true God who turned them from their idols (1 Thess. 1:9). They lost their five-year-old daughter to a high fever and convulsions a few days ago. She died eighteen hours after she contracted the symptoms.

Fernando Makari Wai-Wai came back through Manaus on his way back home from the trip to Roraima. They promoted a leadership conference with thirty-nine pastors and leaders present, from seven tribes in Guyana, Suriname, and Brazil. The region flooded, and the road went under water, forcing them to walk hours through chest deep water with their baggage on their heads. They had an excellent meeting, and strengthened the leadership in those remote regions.

Heat Wave – We are suffering through the hottest days in 90 years here in Manaus. Our dry season this year has been long and hot, with very little rain. Our temperature averages around 115°F, and the heat index pushes it even higher. The slash and burn custom of the interior people has blanketed the city with heavy smoke, making driving and even navigation on the river perilous.

Violence – The situation here continues to worsen; in one week's time, we had one of our professors robbed at gunpoint at 9 a.m. while on the public bus on her way to give class at the seminary. Our neighbor had a thief jump his wall and try to take his car. Two incidents at Manancial Baptist Church; a member's car was taken at gunpoint while she was parking in front of the church. She was fortunate they did not insist on taking her two children as hostages. Another member had four of his family members killed by a gang that invaded the home. We are in a state of siege, so pray for our safety.

Construction Projects – The doors and windows for Purupuru are finished, and we hope to install them before month's end. The tile has been purchased for the new parsonage at Saint Augustine Baptist Church. A new roof for Mount Sinai's Sunday school annex has been purchased and is awaiting to be put on this month. We hope to be able to buy the tile for the floor of the church in Beruri and have it sent up and finished by November 15.

Pray – Please pray for Militão and Olivia, the missionaries in Purupuru, about 60 miles from Manaus. Her eye surgery went bad, and she is now totally blind. This has been very difficult for them, due to their situation and being in their eighties. They are very discouraged. Please remember us in your prayers for our health and safety here, and for our projects in town and the interior, and that we can continue holding the torch high.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins



Missions Conference



Sending doors and widows to Purupuru