



# The True Hawkins Family

January 2016

Dear Faithful Friends and supporters,



Pastors' Prayer Breakfast

**Thank-You** – As always we appreciate each and every one who has prayed fervently and given sacrificially to the ministry in the amazon basin this past year. We are very grateful for your unfailing support of us over the years. It was a very difficult year, but also very productive, with many victories for His kingdom.

**Church Activities** – We finished a six-month series of lessons at Gethsemane Baptist in Manaus on December 20<sup>th</sup>. They are without a pastor, and we have helped them through some difficult meetings and decisions that needed to be taken. Our final pastor's breakfast for 2015 was held at Mt. Sinai Baptist, with 34 pastors present, and many other workers from a number of the Manaus churches. It was a good time of fellowship. The ladies' fellowship closed out their year with more than 300 present, and have several projects in mind, including missions.

**Construction Projects** – We helped our church in the St. Augustine suburb with the bathroom fixtures for their parsonage, which is almost finished, and had the three doors and 4 windows welded up for Gethsemane Baptist church, as they are very short on funds. We sent help to the work in Purupuru for the walls to be plastered in preparation to receive their tile floor. The work on Km 142 is to be reopened this month, and the cement needed has already been purchased, and the roof and structure, which we already have, is to be moved up from the work in Presidente Figueiredo.

**National Missionaries** – Militão and Olivia were in town, hoping to find a doctors to help her regain her sight, as she is totally blind now. Diana purchased a CD player and recorded many of the hymns she likes, and we also got her the New Testament, so she can continue to memorize scripture, and invite the neighbors to hear it with her. We received a letter from Pastor Valmir and Rosemeire at Aparecida Island, and they are doing well on their building project, with the brick raised, and floor prepared. He also began building the new parsonage, which that church is making for us, and other visitors from "the outside". Pastor Marcílio and family are in Manaus visiting their supporting churches, and doing some medical. I drove him to several of the churches, as there is a terrible problem with the bus service. He tells of great results on the Xié River and tributaries among the tribal groups in Brazil, Venezuela and Colombia. There are 37 churches, congregations and preaching points that he and his students from Berean Bible Institute have built and give assistance to, and he is now asking me to help him start a new bible institute for that remote region. This is a huge opportunity, as there are several tribes to be reached that have never heard the gospel.

**Health** – The Zika virus is at epidemic proportions. This one we have not had yet, so we expect we will have to suffer through it soon. Chikungunya is also widespread, and we are not immune to that one either. We thought that when we got done with Dengue (4 times), we were done with all that! Please pray for Diana, as we have had to come to the US on a short medical furlough to deal with her arm, which looks like surgery, and two spots on her arm which were biopsied, one of which looks like Melanoma.

**Future Projects** – We need to put the tile floors in three new auditoriums; Beruri, Anori, and Purupuru. finish the auditorium on Micade Road; finish the Manaus Bible Institute entrance; organize the Pastors and church leader's conference on the upper Ayari River (1100 miles upriver, 7 days travel).

In His Service,

*True and Diana Hawkins*

Missionary Marcílio and family

