



## The True Hawkins Family

March/April 2016



Bibles and Sunday School materials

Dear Friends,

**Family** – Thank you for your prayers and consideration over the past months. Diana is recuperating well from the surgery, and her shoulder and arm are healing up. She is busy with the therapy exercises she was given; about three hours daily. We also appreciate your prayers concerning Nathaniel, Anthony and Jesse. They are learning to cope with the separation.

**Bible Institute** – I arrived just a few days before classes, and began Poetical Books, a nine-week course. We began with ten students, but one contracted Chikungunya, was unable to walk, and had to step out for the semester. His wife also contracted it, and has been in and out of the hospital. Another student left mid semester due to his wife's medical condition. Pray also for Andrea, which has Zika, and is pregnant.

**Interior Works** – Missionary Alberto reported on his work on the Airary, Içana, Cuiary, and on the Qiary Rivers in Brazil and Colombia. He is director of the Word of Life Bible Institute at Macedonia, on the Airary River (800 miles from Manaus), and announced that there were five more men that finished the three-year course and graduated from that Bible school late last year, and are already working with him and the other men in the 27 churches and congregations they have in that region. We are putting together a pastor's congress in July in that area, and are expecting 40 of the church leaders to be present, both from Brazil and Colombia. In between semesters, he preached four Bible conferences on three different rivers and had more than a thousand in attendance and 30 saved. Missionary Fernando came through Manaus and told us of his work among the Arára, Caiapô, Paracaná, and another tribe I can't mention. He has been barred from visiting them by a government agent. He spent a month with the Arára, and had a group of 15 men from the Wai-Wai tribe where he works and pastors (his church has 2,000 members), who went down to build the "tribal house" that will serve as their church. He was there to disciple the 120 converts they had on their first trip, and was able to visit other villages and make new contacts. We sent a box of Bibles and other material he can use to reach those lost tribes in that area of the lower Amazon. He has had many of the tribal groups open their doors to the Gospel. I believe this is a direct result of your prayers.

**KM 142** – Bro. Henry Lewis will be glad to hear this. The work on KM 142, which had suffered a set back, has the roof back on and the floor and walls are being finished. Tim and the institute students have the benches built, pulpit varnished, the sign, and front door and windows ready to be sent up and put in place. There are nine adults attending, and we expect the work to grow.

**Pray** – We are in the impeachment process of the country's president, and there are many uncertain and unstable situations developing. Continue to hold us up in prayer for our health and safety, and for God to continue to open doors of opportunity. Thank you as always for your faithfulness to God and to us!

In His Service,

*True and Diana Hawkins*



Benches, pulpit, and sign for KM 142