



The True Hawkins Family

May/June 2016



Indigenous Missionaries

Greetings from the Amazon,

Family – We are enjoying our dry season so far, as it has not been over 100 ° yet. This time of year we reserve for construction projects, and any outside activities. Thank you for your prayers for Nathaniel, Anthony and Jesse; they are doing well, and now have a support group to help with care, and several friends their age to play with. Please continue to pray for Philip; his training is very intense every day.

Bible Institute – We had an excellent semester, ending with eight students. We have had increased interest in classes, and we hope to have more than a dozen students next semester, with two graduates.

Ministry – On May 27th, Tim and I and nine of the pastors here in Manaus examined Alvaro Pinheiro, a candidate for ordination. We thank the Lord for these faithful men He has called into the ministry.

I cared for four of our missionaries from the region above São Gabriel (650 miles upriver) which came down for the Pastor's Congress in June. They filled me in on their ministries there, and I was encouraged with their evangelism of remote areas in Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela, and by the souls being saved, men and women trained, and churches being built. We will be going there in a few weeks to hold a Pastors and Leadership Conference for about 60 of them from the three countries.

We continue to preach conferences in and around Manaus, and the interior areas, to encourage and strengthen the churches. In May, we were in five different churches, and in June four more, including two missions conferences and one conference on Biblical praise and worship.

We are also helping a missionary couple prepare for a new field about 250 miles downriver on the Amazon, which is a ministry we have been involved in for some time.

We made a quick trip to Beruri for a special "family night", and had 28 present at the services, with a presentation for the parents by the youth. We purchased the ceramic tile for the auditorium floor, and sent it up by boat (140 miles), and it arrived all intact. That was a blessing. We are building the restroom facilities, and hope to lay the tile by August.

New Benches – We have been working on making benches for two new works on BR-174, our highway north to Roraima. The 14 benches for KM 142 (90 miles away) are mounted, ready, and waiting for July 9th, when the work will be officially reopened. The 16 benches for the work on Micade Road were finished and sent up, with the new sign, and we await the opportunity to visit Clovis and Celina there.

Thanks for your prayers – Andrea is well, and so is the baby. Our health is holding up, with no Zika or Dengue yet. God has kept us safe in the midst of increased violence and unrest, and a deteriorating political situation, with the new president and government. We lost 20% of our buying power in June, but the prices are holding steady. Thank you for your faithfulness!

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins



Mounting benches



New benches for KM 142



Beruri