



The True Hawkins Family

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Reopened Work

Dear Faithful Supporters,

General News – The political situation in Brazil has stabilized for now. The impeachment process seems to be coming to a close, and the economy is on the upswing again. Many of our church people lost their jobs over the past year, so the congregations are feeling the lack of funds, but mission giving is up.

Ministry - Tim and I were present at the reopening of the congregation on KM 142, 90 miles from Manaus. The area congregations participated in the dedication of the auditorium, filling up a large bus, and we had over 100 present. Missionary Moises asked Tim to baptize a recent convert in the creek close by, which stirred the community. Several of them were present at the service, missionary Belo is now in charge of that work, and we hope to help him build it back up as time permits.

Construction Projects – Plans are under way for the last week of August to lay the tile in the auditorium of the “Truth that Sets Free Baptist Church” in Beruri, 140 miles upriver from Manaus.

I purchased and sent the tile for the auditorium floor in Purupuru (60 miles interior), and I am talking with missionary Militão about setting it in September.

At the moment we are gathering funds to help pastor Clovis finish raising the walls and pouring the floor of the “Emanuel Baptist” auditorium on Micade Road, 90 miles north on BR-174.

Leadership Congress – We took a 10-day trip up the Rio Negro by boat to São Gabriel (650 miles upriver), where missionary Alberto had organized the 2nd Leadership Congress of the Rio Negro and Tributaries. During the 14-16th, I taught History of the Baptists and Eschatology, and pastor Dorico and missionary Valcides taught Pastoral Theology, Cults, and Missions. There were 93 who completed the three-day course, with men present from the five local congregations, and from thirty-seven different communities on six different tributaries, from the Baré, Baniua, Tukano, Arapasso, Coripaco, Inyengatu and Cubeu tribes. The furthest group came from the upper Ayari, over 1,000 miles upriver. We also took the opportunity to examine and ordain three men to the gospel ministry on Sunday night. Sunday morning (July 17) we preached at “Fountain of Blessing Baptist Church” and pastor Adenizio called me last week and said that as a result, four of the adults who were attending his church made professions of faith and were baptized on August 6th.

Missionaries Valcides and Marcílio continued on upriver two days’ travel to Galileia, a community in Colombia close to San Felipe, where pastor André works among the Coripaco. There were nine pastors present at this Leadership Congress, five from Colombia and four from Venezuela, and they repeated the material given in São Gabriel to strengthen those men and women in the churches of that very remote region.

Thank You – As always, a very big thanks to all who give and pray for this ministry. We really appreciate each and every one who stands with us. You are our partners, and we shall “part alike” (I Samuel 30:24).

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins



Leadership Congress



Ordination