



The True Hawkins Family

February/March 2017

Dear Prayer Partners,



Bible Institute Opening Exercises

Family – Thank you once again for your prayers and correspondence. We really appreciate you taking the time to remember us and our ministry. Nathaniel, Anthony, and Jesse are doing well, and he is caring for them and learning the ropes of being a single parent. Philip is constantly doing courses and honing his skills with the Air Force.

Bible Institute – We began classes on March 6th with 13 students. The last student came in by bus from the state of Roraima (600 miles), and is from the Waipixana tribe. There is a good spirit among the students, and I am teaching (Daniel/Revelation) two hours a day in the mornings.

General Ministry – Our ministry to the churches without pastors continues, and on the weekends, we drive across the bridge to the town of Iranduba (30 miles). We began a series on the family on Sunday nights, and now are in the process of helping them organize as a church, and call a pastor.

The prayer breakfast on February 11 was well attended with 28 pastors and church leaders. The missionaries were given an opportunity to share their ministries, and we heard from one of them who came from Venezuela how desperate the situation is there. They are literally starving due to their government's decisions and socialism.

Camp – The youth camp ran four days and I taught four sessions on “The Dilemmas of the 21st Century Youth”. Many more would have liked to come, but due to the violence and economic situation, we had 78 youth from 19 churches. One of the highlights was an impromptu choir formed and sang on the last evening. The adolescent camp went very well, and had 65 kids attend.

Interior Ministries – Missionary Marcílio and I are set on building a Bible institute at Cumati Cachoeira (850 miles) on the Xié River. I sent the funds for the roof, and they will provide the lumber and work to raise the building for the classroom. Later we will build the dorms and kitchen. This is a strategic area, from which we can reach more than a dozen tribes in Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela.

I spoke recently with missionary Clovis about the Micade Road Project (90 miles). The rains have destroyed the road, so it is very difficult to get the materials in. His sending church has raised the needed funds for the cement, iron, and bricks, and I promised the electrical to wire the building, so I hope to go up as soon as they finish and install the lights so they can resume night services.

Missionary Militão, working at Purupuru (60 miles) reported that the road is all paved now. I helped them with the exterior walls (stucco), and the auditorium is almost completed. I hope to help the congregation begin building the Sunday school annex as soon as the rains let up.

Thanks – We are very thankful for your prayers for the ministry and our safety here. Things have calmed down a little, but there is still much violence and bloodshed. The Lord has delivered and protected us many times over. Thank you for your constant faithfulness and missionary vision.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins



Teaching at Youth Camp



Youth Camp Choir



Prayer Breakfast