

Brazil



The True Hawkins Family

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Dear Faithful Friends,



Ladies' gifts for Institute

Family News – Diana had her check-up on her arm and all seems well. Nathaniel and our two grandkids, Anthony and Jesse are doing OK. We are proud of him; he is doing a good job raising them. Philip continues working long hours at his post, and seems tired most of the time.

Ladies Fellowship – The meeting was attended by 37 ladies from several different churches. Their goal was to purchase some much-needed items for the Bible Baptist Institute of Amazonas' kitchen, dorms, and apartments. Their next meeting is December 9th, and they will be adopting a missionary project.

Church Ministries – We are back to helping the churches without pastors, and are currently at Mt Sinai Baptist Church for the rest of the year. We will also be in several other churches preaching Bible and missionary conferences, and preparing for the year's end programs. On October 28th, we will examine a candidate in view of his ordination to the gospel ministry. It is good to see God raising up young couples to work in His field.

Bible Institute – I will be teaching Bible Doctrine I for the next six weeks till graduation here in Manaus (IBBA). We have 17 students this semester to date, with none dropping out so far, and several good prospects for next semester. There are three students who will graduate in December.

Youth Congress – Erison and Leudiane are our new Youth Camp and Congress directors, and have done an excellent job organizing and running these events. They had 67 youth for the 3 days, and others that came as they could. It is a blessing to see God work in their lives and hearts, and we recognize that these youths very soon will be leading our churches and movement here in Brazil.

Missions – Bela Vista Baptist Church provided a much-needed printer for Missionary Marcílio, and he has put it to good use in his ministry. It was encouraging to see our church people get involved directly, and take it upon themselves to purchase this equipment. At first opportunity, I will be going upriver to Cumati Cachoeira, a village on the Xié River, about 800 miles above Manaus, to formally begin classes at the new Bible institute there. We are slowly accumulating the needed items for this very important project; the printer was the most important.

Violence – Pastor Dionso and wife Marineuza called and asked for prayer: These last two weekends the two drug factions have had gun battles with automatic weapons in the empty lot next to their church. They have spent many hours on the floor protecting their grandchildren. One night the bandits jumped the wall and were inside the church property exchanging gunfire with the police. Pray for them.

Thank You – We appreciate all of you who pray regularly for us. I know God has delivered us many times, even without us knowing the details. We're very grateful for your continued financial support, and for your sacrifices in giving to missions, and our ministry in particular.

In His Service,

True and Diana Hawkins