



# The True Hawkins Family

January 2018



Ordination

Dear Faithful Friends,

**Church Activities** – As usual, we will be involved in the annual youth camp this year, from February 9-13<sup>th</sup>, giving lessons and helping in that program for our young people. This is located outside of Manaus, and we are looking forward to a good group. We will also be helping out here at the Bible Institute, where pastor Dionso has organized the “couples camp”, dedicated to help strengthen our families in the churches.

Diana spoke at the Ladies Fellowship at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Iranduba, across the bridge, on February 1<sup>st</sup>. There were more than twenty ladies present, despite a huge rain storm that hit right at service time. Our first pastors’ prayer breakfast for 2018 was well attended. We announced the upcoming international pastors’ congress; heard from missionaries working in two states (Pará and Roraima); received a missionary challenge; and had a good time of food and fellowship.

**Bible Institute** – There are ten students at the night classes at IBBA (Bible Institute); we are offering two classes this semester, *Homiletics* and *Hermeneutics*, to help the men and women who teach classes in their local churches interpret correctly and better present their material in Sunday School and other ministries. Next semester, we will concentrate on the children’s ministries. Our next semester of regular classes at IBBA begins on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and we are expecting new students; one from Kasawá, of the Ishcariano people; we have three men already working in this huge area, which includes several other tribal groups, encompassing parts of the states of Amazonas, Pará and Amapá.

**Ordinations** – In the last three months, it has been our privilege to ordain three men to the gospel ministry; one to missions and the others to the pastorate. It was an encouragement to be a part of their ordinations, and to see God sending them to their respective places.

**Construction** – The congregation in Beruri needed a fence around the building and property, due to the gang violence in their little suburb. Two weeks ago, a group of youth came during services and stoned out the glass in the front windows and threatened the members. We have sent financial help to them to buy the wood, and they are going to do their part in doing the labor and putting up the fence.

All the glass is in the windows of the building in Purupuru; now they will begin on the project at the front of the auditorium. Last month, I visited Militão and Olivia in the hospital; she suffered another stroke, but is better now, and we hope to see them back home soon.

**Missionaries** – We heard again from Adenizio, and he told of his trip up the Valpes River. He has gone twice now to Tapira Ponta, where they are beginning a preaching point. We are praying that God will show us another used outboard to buy and donate, so they don’t have to borrow one for the trip. We have been trying to evangelize this area since the 1950’s; it has just now opened up to the gospel. I will be going to this area in July, and on up the Xié River if possible; the ELN (rebel group) has taken the place of the FARC in Colombia, and are operating partly in Brazil, so we will await “clearance” before we go.

In His Service,

*True and Diana Hawkins*



Ladies Meeting - Iranduba



Prayer Breakfast