



# The Smiths

## Missionaries to

# Brazil



Bill and Sharon

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You can grow flowers, or you can grow weeds.

Dear Friends,

June, 2020

**April** – Bill was the guest speaker for the Anniversary of the Alvorado church on April 11,12 but that had to be canceled because we could not have church services. Easter services were also canceled but we are keeping in touch with the people and encouraging them.

No surgeries were being done at the hospital but Dona Maria from our church needed an emergency surgery. She was scared to have the surgery, but the Pastor told her to pray and trust the Lord and she did. She had the surgery, the government payed and she did not have to pay for the surgery. Praise the Lord for this miracle.

**May** – Well we are still in lockdown in our State of Roraima. They are not allowing the churches to meet in their buildings. We are still having our services by cell phone. The people are sending their verses or songs by What’s App, a program on our phones and each one can listen as the new message comes in. The Pastor does audio for his message and we follow along as he posts. We are waiting anxiously to get back to our regular services but that might still be awhile.

Some stores are open but most of the bigger ones are still closed. Banks, supermarkets, and pharmacies are still open, and we can buy the necessary things. No buses are coming from Manaus. One plane a week started coming this past month. The Lord has provided for us and we are safe.

Our rains have started. With the rain come the colds and flu. There are more people getting colds and going to the hospitals to be treated. On May 26 Sharon had the start of a cold with stuffy nose, aches in her joints and a cough. She started on medication and felt better but still has a cold. Bill started the same way a few days later. We both are staying home, using Kleenex, and drinking lots of liquids. Pray that we can get rid of this cold and go about our daily routines.



Pastor Rogerio’s wife, Zipora, received word that her Mother’s Brother had the virus and died and a few days later her Mother’s sister died as well. Her Mother was sick but is better now. Some of our people are getting colds and not feeling well but so far all are recovering.

We have been trying to go through papers and clean out drawers. I am sure you all know what that is like. We found papers from back in 1972 when we arrived in Brazil and lots of other things. We feel we can throw them away now after all these years. It sure is hard to part with some of my old Sunday School material but I know there are so many new things available that the churches can use.



Sharon’s sister returned to the hospital on May 08 to have a laser treatment for the kidney stones and all went well. She did fine and was able to go back to her apartment that same day. She is having some therapy and able to get back to walking again and feeling better.

We praise the Lord that March, April, and May have been good months for us financially. Each church has sent their regular monthly offering, and several have given an extra offering during these months.

**June-** We trust the churches will be allowed to reopen soon. We do have our phones and are able to keep in touch with our church people during these days of staying home. We have a nurse and a policeman in our church so please pray they will be safe as they encounter the virus and crime. Most of our people still have their jobs so praise the Lord.

**THANK YOU for your prayers and support to us and the works here in Northern Brazil! God bless each of you as you serve Him wherever you are.**

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Month of April and May \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU!

Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

*Bill and Sharon*

Bill and Sharon Smith

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