



The Smith's Missionaries to Brazil



Bill and Sharon

**Merry Christmas to everyone
and Happy New Year**

Dear Friends,

December, 2020

November – We want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year even in this time of change and difficulties. We can still serve the Christ of Christmas and look forward to a New Year of 2021.



My sister, Carolyn Hill, was in a Nursing Facility since November of 2018. She loved doing crafts and was able to do things for herself as much as possible. On November 5th, 2020, we received a phone call from my niece that my sister had been taken to the emergency room. She had pneumonia and Covid-19. She was on oxygen all the time to help her breathe. After 10 days of treatment she was not any better and died on November 14th. We were not able to travel to the States to attend the funeral but were able to assist by video from Massillon Baptist Temple. We are so thankful that my niece Rexanna was able to do the necessary things and kept in touch with us. Carolyn had a lot of suffering in her life. She is with the Lord and rejoicing that she is free of pain. I will miss our daily talks on the computer, but we have the comfort of knowing we will see her again one day in Heaven. We thank each of you that sent encouraging words during this time of Carolyn's homegoing! We never know when it will be our time for death. One thing we can do is be sure we are saved and living for the Lord.

Pastor Paulo and the Bible Baptist Church of Caranã celebrated their **20th Anniversary** on November 28th. This church began when we were able to purchase land in a new neighborhood with only a few houses at that time. A small brick building was built on the new property. We went on furlough and when we returned, Pastor Paulo came to live in Roraima, and he was willing to accept the challenge of starting this new work. He and his wife are both graduates of the Bible Baptist Institute in Manaus. We were able to build a larger auditorium and many have been saved and baptized because of your faithfulness in giving to Missions. The church has had many ups and downs, but they are still holding services and preaching God's Word. Bill preached. The Theme verse was -- **Psalm 103:2 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits"**



*Let **Christmas** come into our world and bring us warmth and cheer,
Bring us **Faith** in place of doubt and strength in place of fear,
Bring us **Hope** and bring us **Love** to guide our hearts forever...
Let **Christmas** come into our world and bring us all together.*



A special **Thank You** to everyone for your prayers for us during this past year. We had some obstacles, but the Lord has seen us through them all. We are both healthy and rejoicing for His love and care to us this year of 2020. Trust you each have a **Happy New Year of 2021**.

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Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,
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THANK YOU!

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