



The Smiths Missionaries to Brazil



Bill and Sharon

God rarely lets us see miles and miles ahead.
Instead, step-by-step and side-by-side,
He takes our hand and gently guides

July- August 2021

Dear Friends,

July – July 31, 1971, we were approved as Missionaries to Brazil. There were three other Missionary families approved as well – two going to Honduras and one to the Philippines. Little did we realize at the ages of 22 and 20 that we would spend 50 years of our lives as Missionaries in Brazil. During Deputation and Furloughs, we visited many different States and churches. We got to know a lot of people. Many of these people still communicate with us today. We also visited different countries such as Canada, Mexico, Venezuela, and British Guyana. We traveled to different states here in Brazil to visit other missionaries.



We flew to Brazil in **October of 1972** and learned a new language (Portuguese), a new culture, new people, new currency (name changed three times) and ate new foods as well.

We were privileged to Preach God’s Word and see Brazilians saved and baptized. The Lord allowed us to establish 5 churches: Novo Airao, Amazonas; Caracarai, Roraima; and three in different neighborhoods in Boa Vista, Roraima. Some of these churches are starting new congregations in their own towns. They all have national Pastors and property.

None of these churches could have been established without the faithful support and prayers of our sending churches and special offerings from people for the work. God led us to Brazil, and we praise Him for His faithfulness.

August – We celebrated 50 years of marriage on **August 15, 2020**. We were not able to make a trip to the States to celebrate because of Covid-19. Our flights were canceled and due to conditions, we were not able to have a celebration at our church here because no large gatherings were permitted at that time.

Now we are celebrating our 51st Anniversary. We have lived on a boat, in a wooden house with a straw roof, a house that had bats sometimes, and now we have a nice brick house in Boa Vista. We lived in cities such as Manaus, Barcelos, Novo Airao, Caracarai, and now Boa Vista. We have traveled by canoe, small boats, larger passenger boats, small airplanes and large airplanes, Volkswagen van, station wagon car. Now we have a nice, air-conditioned car.



God has been so good to us, and we give Him all the glory.

The month of August we celebrate Father’s Day – Dia dos Pais. We bought some new clothes for our “pouting doll, Junior” and here is a picture of him and Bill on August 8, 2021, at church all dressed up with his bowtie.

We had 8 Fathers in the church service Sunday night. The ladies presented a program for the Fathers and we gave them a little bag with the objects they talked about plus one lady made some cookies for each father. The Venezuelan and Brazilian children sang.



A special **Thank You** to everyone for your prayers. Pray that the Christians in Brazil will be found faithful to the Lord during these trying times. The Lord is still working, and souls are being saved.

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Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

Months of June and July
THANK YOU!

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