



# The Smith's Missionaries to Brazil



Bill and Sharon

Love makes the good times better and  
the hard times much easier.

Dear Friends,

February 2022

**December** – Bill had his last check-up with the doctor for the cataract surgery on the 7<sup>th</sup>. He told him the surgeries were a complete success and he only needed glasses for reading. Bill had some precautionary heart exams done and all came back fine. The lady doctor is a Christian and we were glad to find a good doctor here in Boa Vista. She did start Bill on blood pressure medicine. This is his first time on daily medication in his 73 years. Praise the Lord for good health.

On December 21<sup>st</sup> Sharon was told that a Diabetic doctor would be able to see her for a check-up since she is originally from Roraima and was in town over the Holidays. She lives in Sao Paulo and works at the Albert Einstein Hospital and has her appointments on-line. Sharon was able to have all the exams done that she requested before January 21<sup>st</sup> and the online meeting. Can you believe 3 tests all in the same morning and the results of two exams right after taking them. She was able to have the meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> and all exams were fine. She did change some of the medicines. Once again, the Lord directed us to the right doctor we needed. The next appointment will be in person the end of April here in Boa Vista, Roraima.

**January** – On the 7<sup>th</sup> we received a call from Pastor Roger that João and Francisca's 26 yr. old grandson had died. He had made a profession of faith when he was young and attending church with us, but he had made some bad decisions and was living interior at his death. His family has been through some rough times, and we pray they will take this as a wake-up call, and all get back in church.



Bill celebrated his **73<sup>rd</sup> Birthday** on the 8<sup>th</sup>. We had a breakfast at church that morning. They included a cake and decorated for his birthday along with the breakfast.

The Alvorada church is in the final process of getting the title to the church property. It has taken almost a year after starting the process. We have two church parsonages which need legalized but they tell us it won't take as long. December and January are vacation months and then February is the Carnival Holiday, so that is why paperwork takes a long time to get done.

Pastor Francisco Eloia now pastors the church in Caracarai. Pastor Luiz had to leave the church in September of 2021. The church asked him to take the leadership and then at the elections in December voted him in as Pastor. Gecelita grew up in the church when we started there and now, she is the Pastor's wife.

They both graduated from the Bible Institute in Caracarai and have been serving there. Gecelita remembers the activities and things we did with the children and teens during her youth, and she is using some of those ideas once again at the church. Both are teachers in the public school. Pray for the church and that they can increase in attendance after Covid and death of several members.



When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout life.

Thank you so much for your prayers during 2021 and now for the prayers and faithful giving during this new year of 2022. The Lord is blessing and without you we wouldn't be able to continue our work here in Brazil.

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Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

Months of December and January  
THANK YOU!

**Bill and Sharon**  
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