



# The Smith's Missionaries to Brazil



Sharon and Bill

Dear Friends,

**3 Special Sunday's**

January, 2023

We had good services on **Christmas Day**. It was nice to spend Christmas Day in church with the Lord's people. We didn't have any New Year's Eve services because of the unrest in the country after the elections and the activities taking place on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The new President was taking office on New Year's Day. In Brasil they have fireworks December 31-January 01. We stood in our driveway that night and watched some of the fireworks from our home. One went off pretty close to our house so we came in and shut the door. We were able to attend church Sunday morning, **New Year's Sunday** but no service Sunday night.



**January 8<sup>th</sup> was Bill's 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday.** I gave money to the Pastor to buy Pizza for the church Sunday night as a surprise for Bill. Bill bought some small cakes and candy to give to the people Sunday morning and night thinking there wasn't going to be anything special for his Birthday.

That night the children sang Happy Birthday and we surprised him with Pizza. Thank you for all the Birthday Wishes.

Our phone number from the States that we can use in Brazil. **It is 1-234-322-4588.** Our home phone in Brazil is: **011-55-95-3625-3750.** (Please cancel all numbers you might have from other furloughs.) Sharon's cell phone number is **95-98805-0021.** Email is: [billsmith0849@hotmail.com](mailto:billsmith0849@hotmail.com)

We have been back in Brazil for two months now but we are still trying to get organized and readapted to life here. Sharon is still having pain in her back and having a hard time walking. She gets dizzy so doesn't go out much other than to church. We see her Diabetic doctor February 17<sup>th</sup> so hope she can give us some answers as to the cause of the problems. Bill is doing fine and is able to get out to buy groceries and do other things that need to be done. Praise the Lord we are able to take care of each other.

**Documents for the churches** – We have been working on these documents for over 3 years now for the 3 church parsonages here in Boa Vista. The three churches have their legal documents, but need the documents for the parsonages. The Title Division keeps saying they need just one more paper and then after that is processed, they need another one. It takes time. The other two churches in Novo Airão and Caracarái have all their documents. Pray we can soon get all the documents for the churches.

**Christmas Offerings** - We want to **Thank You** for the special Offerings that were sent to us over the Holidays. The Lord has been so good to us and we enjoy giving as well as receiving. We trust each of you had a special Blessing from the Lord this past year and that you will continue to be blessed this year of 2023.



Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

*Bill and Sharon*

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