



# The Smith's Missionaries to Brazil



Sharon and Bill

Dear Friends,

September-October, 2023

**SEPTEMBER-** We started the month off with some problems with our car. Air conditioning, fan, overflow tank, and temperature gauge. We were about 4 days without our car but finally got everything repaired.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> the Alvorada church had a special service of dedication for Ormindá's newly remodeled house. She was so happy to finally have all the construction done. She is retired from her job and is faithful in her Christian life.

Bill had a boil on his shoulder. When the doctor saw it, he gave him some antibiotic pills to take and thought he might have to have it lanced. We treated it for 6 weeks and praise the Lord it healed and he didn't have to have it lanced.

Pastor Paulo from one of our churches here in Boa Vista had to go to the emergency room and thought he was having a stroke. The doctors saw him and did some tests. They said it was Bell's Palsy. It only affected his face: one eye and a crooked smile. He asked Bill to preach for him 3 Sunday nights since his speech was slurred some. Praise the Lord he is better and is back to preaching. He is able to go back to work at his electronic repair shop.

**OCTOBER** – Sharon started some physical therapy with a lady that comes to our house and does exercises with her. She will continue twice a week until the end of October and see how it works. She still has some problems with her back.

October 12<sup>th</sup> was a special day for the children of the churches in Boa Vista and Caracarái. The trampoline was a big success. Candy and food were enjoyed as well as just letting them play with each other. One church even had the fire truck come and spray the kids. This is a way to reach the children and give them a lesson on the Love of God.



October 14<sup>th</sup>, we drove 2 hours to Caracarái for the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church. They provided lunch for over 70 people. The church people, guests from the churches in Boa Vista that went for the night services and 7 Military Police that were invited. One young man from the church works for the Police and invited his partners to come. We felt very protected and the Lord allowed us to talk with them about various things. The Pastor introduced us as the missionaries that started the church in 1978.

There were over 150 people present Saturday night. The children presented a song and the Adult choir had 26 ladies and 10 men for their special song. Bill preached on the theme: **"God's Love has Reached Me" John 3:16.** Two ladies present were founding members and still attending the church. **One lady is now the Pastors wife.** There are over 20 people in the church that were young children and now grown; or adults that are still serving and helping where they can. Sunday night there were 75 in attendance and the Pastor baptized 3 ladies. A cake was made for us in appreciation for starting the church 45 years ago. The Lord is blessing and the church is growing.



Pastor's wife & Pastor

Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

*Bill and Sharon*

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