



The Smith's Missionaries to Brazil



Bill and Sharon

Dear Friends,

January 8th was Bill's 75th Birthday.

January-February, 2024



Bill-Rogério-Eloia-Werlesson-Paulo

On January 6th we went to Caracarái with Pastor Rogerio and his wife. We left Boa Vista at 6 a.m. for the 2-hour drive to have Breakfast with Pastor Eloia and men of the church. Pastor Paulo and Pastor Werlesson also drove from Boa Vista. There were 9 men from the church in Caracarái and we had a good breakfast and meeting to plan the activities for the new year of 2024.

The men and their wives planned a special lunch for all of us and had a cake for Bill for his 75th Birthday. We had a good time of fellowship and returned back to Boa Vista that afternoon.

Wednesday night the 10th we had a Birthday Party for Bill at church. We invited the two Pastors and their churches for a special service. We bought two cakes, Brazilian fried snacks and pop. The Alvorada church surprised Bill with a basket of presents. He was so surprised and we took a picture of him with all his presents when we got home that night. Flashlight, towels, clock, tie, cap, pillow, candy and etc.



Many of you sent cards or emails and we **Thank You for all the Birthday Wishes.**

On January 16th we received an email from Bill's niece in Ohio that her mother, Pat Smith, had passed away. This was Bill's brother Joe's wife. She was 73 years old. She fell around Christmas time and broke her leg, had surgery and was in the hospital. Complications set in and she passed away. We were not able to go to the States but were able to talk with Bill's brother. She was buried January 18th. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

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 2024.



Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

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