

Boa Vista, Roraima



The Smith's Missionaries to Brazil



Bill and Sharon

Thanksgiving Blessings

Dear Friends,

November 2024

We are so Thankful for the Lord's Blessings upon our lives these many years and for the people that pray and give that we might be Missionaries here in Brazil. **Here are some special blessings in 2023-2024.**

February 2023 –Praise the Lord that all three churches in Boa Vista have titles to the church land after 3 years.

March 11th the Church in Caracarai had their 4th Ladies Conference. They had over 116 for the meeting.

April 29 and 30 we celebrated the 16th Anniversary of the Bible Baptist Church in Alvorada. **The Pastors and wives of the Five churches we started here in Brasil were present.** Novo Airão, Caracarai, Santa Tereza, Caranã e Alvorada. The Pastor from Novo Airão was invited to be the main speaker. Over 100 attended.

May 26-27, 2023 **50th Anniversary of the Bible Baptist Institute Manaus, Amazonas**

The Institute was started by Joe Hawkins and Cecil Henderson in 1973. We arrived as missionaries in Manaus in October of 1972. The Institute was started in March of 1973. We had just started language school so only helped teach a few years later. The Lord is still using His Word to change the lives of the Brazilian people.

July 30th **Valmir was saved in the evening service at the Alvorada church.** At the end of the message, he raised his hand and said, "Pastor, I want to accept the Lord." We praise the Lord he was saved after many years of prayer.

August 15 - **53rd Wedding Anniversary and 52nd year as Missionaries to Brazil.** It was great to see people that had been saved under our ministry and know they are still serving the Lord. There were about **85 people**. Zipora, the Pastors wife, decorated using the colors we had for our wedding in 1970. A lady from the church made a cake and cookies and we ordered 14 pizzas.

Oct 14- 45th Anniversary Caracarai church. One young lady that was a founding member 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. **A cake was made for us in appreciation for starting the church 45 years ago.** The Lord is blessing and the church is growing.

November 12th - **Five people were baptized from the Alvorada church.**

November 25th - 23rd Anniversary of the Bible Baptist Church of Caranã. The Lord is blessing this church as well.

January 8, 2024 The Alvorada church **surprised Bill with a basket of presents for his Birthday.** He was so surprised.

April 20-21 -17th Anniversary Alvorada – Edvaldo, a young boy from the church in **Caracarai** was saved and later graduated from Bible Institute and helps preach. **He was the main speaker for the Anniversary.** It was a blessing to see all the people that have been saved over these many years come to the Anniversary service from the 4 churches we were privileged to start in Roraima.

Baby dedication for twin boys of young couple from Caracarai that was saved and later married and had twin boys. We got to hold them and help in the dedication service. They were a month old.

May 17th- Bill had to have a root canal done on his jaw tooth. We were supposed to go back to the first dentist to make the crown. The dentist apologized because the tooth was so bad it wouldn't hold the crown. **He had to pull it! It has healed fine.**

July 13- Glaucilene is a graduate of the Bible Institute in Manaus, Amazonas. She loves working with children and has dedicated her life to train others. She held a **Child Evangelism meeting in Caracarai.** When we returned to Boa Vista, we both got sick with cough, colds and weakness from July 15 until August 26. **The blessing is that we finally recovered!**

July 20th -Pastor Werleson at the **Bible Baptist Church Manancial** had their church **Anniversary** and had 70 people from the 3 churches and they had a good service. We were unable to go because of our colds.

August 15 -54th Wedding Anniversary at home. Still sick. We bought some frozen strawberries at the grocery store. Bill bought a cake so we had **strawberries and cake on our special day!!** **The blessing is that we still have each other.**

October 12th **Cecelia** was born this day to Paulo Filho e Ana Rute. **Grandparents Pastor Paulo e Edwrigens, Caranã Church.**

The gift of wonderful friends is the nicest blessing of all.
You are in our hearts and prayers all year,
and especially during this special season.

Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,
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