

## The Smiths Missionaries to Brazil From our house to your house Merry Christmas



December, 2012

Our Christmas list is like a treasured scrapbook filled with pleasant memories of all the times God's answered prayer through friends and family.

Each name's a touchstone that leads to a place or time, where God has used another's heart to reach out and touch Bill's and mine. It may have happened years ago or even yesterday, but every person on our list has changed our life some way.

Through simple conversation, a warm hug or a shared meal, every person on our list has helped us grow or heal, or laugh or love or learn or smile...the blessings never end as God allows our paths to cross as family and friends.

So please know that this greeting is more than a Christmas wish. It's a "thank you" card to God for putting you on our list each and every one whose name we've come to hold so dear, those who have shown us Christmas joy each day of the year. We praise the Lord for His bountiful blessings upon our lives during this year of 2012.

We returned from furlough in July of 2012 and began having services in both churches here in Boa Vista. Pastor Francisco was recovering from the loss of his wife and took some time to be with his family in another State. We had services at the Anchor Baptist Church on Wednesday's and Sunday's and then at our church on Saturday's, Sunday morning and Tuesday. We are looking forward to the pastor's return in January. Pray for us and that he will be able to resume his Pastorate.

Edvan, 14 years old, was saved at the Anchor Baptist Church. His family has been praying for him and praise the Lord he was saved. Please pray for the teenagers as they make decisions in their lives which will last for eternity.their

We are preparing for church Christmas

programs, banquets at both churches and just the everyday things that need to be done. We seem to feel the heat more and could it be we are getting older as well?

Pastor Paulo and the Baptist Church celebrated their 12th Anniversary November 17 and 18. There were over 100 in attendance on Saturday night from Caracarai and Boa Vista churches. The theme was about the family.

Many repairs have been done on the Anchor Baptist Church and we are getting ready to repaint the buildings. We are asking the people to help with this project and even the children are welcome to come paint and help with the clean up after.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support. We wish each of you a Blessed New Year of 2013!

Your missionaries in Brazil,

Bill and Sharan

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