

Bill and Sharon

Dear Friends,

January, 2015

We had to go to the States in July of 2014 and ended up staying until December. Sharon had a reoccurrence of cancer and after seeing the doctor and making appointments she had to have 39 radiation treatments ending November 20th. We wanted to spend the Holidays in the States but yet we wanted to return to Brazil since we had only planned to stay 2 months and now it would be 6 months. The Lord is good and has provided and protected us through it all. We know He is faithful and wants the best for us.

Christmas was different this year. We left Massillon, Ohio on December 18th and left our winter coats behind. We arrived in Boa Vista, Roraima and at our home on December 19th and it was over 100 degrees. Hot, breezy, and very dry. We started watering the grass in our yard right away and it is looking a little greener. Can you believe we were raking leaves instead of shoveling snow!

The few families we have attending the church services went to visit their families in other towns this year so we had Christmas Eve services on Tuesday night with only 7 present. We spent Christmas Eve by ourselves but happy to be back "home" and feeling well. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day were spent resting and preparing for the New Year of 2015. We trust each of you had a great time with your family and friends.

Bill celebrated his 66th Birthday on January 8th and we celebrated in Caracarai with the church people there. We attended the church services Wednesday night and they had a special meal for him on Thursday. It was good to see the people once again and to hear how they had prayed for us. Praise the Lord for this church and their faithful Pastor. Bill has a fungus on his hand and now seems to have it on his nose so please pray for him as we get the right medicine to take care of this problem.

We hope to get the final things done on the church construction during these next few months so we can start having services in the new building. We need benches made, some painting done, cleaning of the windows, floors and etc. We are anxious to move into the new building and with the Lord's help fill it up with people and not just empty benches.



We want to thank each of you that have a part in our Ministry here in northern Brazil. Without your prayers and financial help we wouldn't be able to continue on with the ministry. Thank you to all that sent Birthday cards and greetings, Christmas cards and emails. Thank you for the special Christmas Love Offerings that we received. May God bless each of you as you faithfully serve the Lord.

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Month of <u>December</u> Thank You!

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