

Dear Friends

Bill and Sharon

December 2015

November- Bill had his tooth extracted but no implants. The tooth was infected and needed to heal before more could be done. He had a lot of swelling and pain but seems to be on the mend now. Thank you for your prayers for him.

Bill talked with his brother Paul and found out that his wife, Mary, had a massive heart attack the end of October but praise the Lord she is home and doing better. Bill's brother Joe will be 69 this month so pray for his health and family as well.

We had a nice Thanksgiving dinner just the two of us at our house with chicken, bread dressing, potatoes, deviled eggs and of course pumpkin pie. We almost couldn't find the pumpkin to cook but we did and it tasted great! Praise the Lord for all His Blessings to us during this year of 2015. We are looking forward to more Blessings in the year 2016.

Three men graduated from the Bible Institute in Caracarai, Roraima on the 28th. These men are members of the church and have faithfully studied over the past three years. Each student works a job during the day and studies the Bible with Pastor Luiz and other Pastors that are able to help from 7:00- 9:00 each evening. We help in this Institute by teaching and with some of the expenses. Pray that the Lord will use each of these men and their families to be a blessing to other students and the church people. Pastor Valcides preached for the graduation. He is a graduate of the Bible Institute in Manaus as well as Pastor Luiz.



Bill, Sharon, Marli, Valcides, Luiz



Students presenting special song



Sebastiao, Francisco Eloia, Rejanio

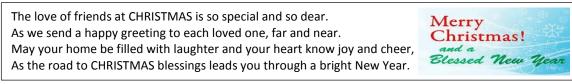
<u>CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME FOR LOOKING UP</u> joyfully to heaven and visualizing with thankful hearts that same star seen by shepherds long ago shedding its light on all mankind.

<u>CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME FOR LOOKING DOWN</u> searchingly into our hearts and acknowledging the Christ within us and His love for us. A time of recognizing the need to polish our own lamp of love that its flame may burn ever the more brightly.

<u>CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME FOR LOOKING AROUND</u> lovingly at our friends and our fellowmen. Look around at hearts and hands reaching out and spanning time and distance and warmly greeting dear ones.

<u>CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME FOR LOOKING AHEAD</u> courageously through the gates of the swiftly approaching New Year. A time of resolving that the coming months will reflect a kinder more forgiving person than mirrored by the past months.

<u>CHRISTMAS IS MOST OF ALL THE TIME FOR LOOKING BACK</u> reverently across the centuries to Bethlehem. Looking to the humble stable and the birth of the Christ. It is the time for reminiscing on bygone days, other times, and happy memories.



Notice the new Caixa Postal number at the bottom. We had to change our Post Office Number to 2 instead of 371. Everything else remains the same.

> Your missionaries in Brazil, **Bill and Sharon** Bill and Sharon Smith

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