

## The Smiths

## Missionaries to

## Brazil



Sharon and Bill

Dear Friends, August, 2016

Rogerio e Zipora arrived June 11, 2016 to help us in the work once again. We started them off by painting and getting the church parsonage cleaned and livable. We had some wood left over from the church construction so Rogerio made some rustic tables to be used at the house. They look pretty good with the nice cloths Zipora covered them with. They painted the columns at the church and other activities as well. He is preaching and teaching in the church services. They will be returning to Manaus September 5, 2016.

**July marked 45 years as missionaries to the country of Brazil**. We praise the Lord for the souls that have been saved over these years and when we look back we have so many good memories that we don't even think of the hardships that were involved. God is good and supplies our every need. Thank you to all the churches and people that have had a part in our ministry as missionaries.

Bill had to go to the dentist to have his crown glued back on his tooth and while Sharon was waiting for him a little girl and her mother were there talking. The little girl looked at Sharon's tennis shoes and said, "She is wearing men's tennis shoes." Interesting how much children pay attention to things. Sharon told her that when you have big feet you have to wear what you can find.

We had a Vacation Bible School Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights for the whole family. Our theme was about the Olympics since they are being held in southern Brazil this year. Our lessons were "Go for the True Gold – Jesus" and how we can be a blessing. We were able to purchase silver medals to give out to the children and adolescents telling them that the gold would be given in heaven when we finish our Christian life.





August 6, 2016, was the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Igreja Batista Biblica Manancial in Boa Vista. Pastor Werlesson and family reopened the church work in January after being closed for almost a year. We praise the Lord that there was a good number for the special service from our other churches in Boa Vista and Caracarai. There were about 75 present and we saw the excitement of the people knowing that the building was full and once again having services to win souls to the Lord.



August 14th was Father's Day in Brazil and we had 5 Father's present in the evening service at the Alvorada church. Two of these fathers are not saved and we pray the Lord will touch their hearts that they will be saved. **August 15<sup>th</sup> marked our 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** so we celebrated along with the Fathers on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The church sang to us and we put candles in the banana nut bread that we had to eat.

We traveled to Caracarai for two hours to teach at the Bible Institute and we stayed in the churches Prophet's Chamber or "bed and breakfast" for the week while there. Bill gave money to the Pastor of the church for our expenses while we were at the "hotel". We enjoyed our stay!

There are 7 students now in the Bible Institute. Two new young married men are studying so that makes three men and 4 women studying, all members of the Bible Baptist Church.

Thank you for your prayers and financial giving over these many years. God bless.

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