



# The Smiths

## Missionaries to

# Brazil



Bill and Sharon

Dear Friends,

April, 2020

**February** – The lights went off inside the main building at the Alvorada church during one of our services, but we still had lights outside, so we knew we had a problem. The electrician took a week to redo what needed done. The wiring for the air conditioners cost the church some money but better to be safe then to have a possible fire.

On February 8<sup>th</sup> we were on our way home from church when we had a flat tire. Bill pulled off the road to an area where he could try to use our mini compressor to fill it up but that didn't work. We saw a car pull in beside us and a young man got out and said "Hello Pastor Bill" He worked right where we had pulled over and was able to get the big jack from the car garage and change the tire for us. Later we found out the man was from Pastor Paulo's work and his mother also attends the church. We were so thankful for the Lord's protection on that Sunday.

Sharon had the skin cancer removed from her head on January 22, 2020 and had been going back to the doctor to have it checked. We made a visit about every week for him to take out the stitches and make sure it was healing correctly. He did not charge us for any of the return visits. I made him a banana nut bread and took a piece of pumpkin pie as gifts for him. We praise the Lord for sending us to the right doctor to do what needed done at this time. Our last visit was March 20<sup>th</sup> and we are glad Sharon is healing well and no more cancer found. Thank each of you for your prayers for us.

**March** - We heard the saying that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb or visa-versa. Well for us it came in like a lion health wise. We went to church Sunday, March 1, and Bill was having some pain in his side. We left right after Pastor Rogerio taught the lesson. The pain got worse. We called Pastor Rogerio around 2:00pm to take us to the emergency room at the hospital. Bill finally saw the doctor, got the tests done and received the shot for pain. We returned home around 5:00pm that afternoon. That night Bill passed a kidney stone and felt much better the next day.

Sharon's sister had to be taken to the emergency room in the States with pain and a kidney infection. She was in the hospital for several days and will have to return on April 08, to treat the kidney stones.

The developing situation with Covid-19 is very hard on the Brazilian economy. The grocery stores, gas stations and some pharmacies are open. Schools, Stores, Universities and Churches have all been closed because of the virus.

The borders to Venezeula and British Guyana are closed. All domestic flights to and from Boa Vista, have stopped. Bus services are limited to other states.

We asked our church people to put their favorite verse, song, or message on their phones or computers to share during this time since we can't have church services. We can all pray even though we can't go to our church buildings to pray. We know God is in control of the situation. **Pray one for another.**



**April** - Sharon celebrated her Birthday on April 01, with just the two of us since we are social distancing!!! She received a lot of messages on her cell phone, through emails as well as regular phone calls. We are so blessed to have so many friends and loved ones. Pastor Rogerio and his wife even brought her a cake. Thanks to everyone!!!!

**THANK YOU for your prayers and support to us and the works here in Northern Brazil!**



**God bless each of you as you serve Him wherever you are.**

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Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

Month of February and March

**Bill and Sharon**

THANK YOU!

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