



# The Smith's Missionaries to Brazil



Bill and Sharon

When life wears us down – **God picks us up.**  
When stress overwhelms, **God offers peace.**  
When fatigue floods our souls, **God grants us strength.**

Dear Friends,

April, 2021

**February** - We wrote in our last letter that we were waiting to see what this month would bring. Well on February 8<sup>th</sup> Sharon broke a jaw tooth and the dentist was able to treat it and make a crown for it. It cost \$217.00 total. That same month, without anyone knowing about the tooth, we had a special offering that covered the extra expense. Praise God.

We could not have church services at the church again because of new outbreaks of the covid. We had to go back to using our phones to hear the preaching and participating in song and scripture verses. The Gospel is still going out.

**March** - The 21<sup>st</sup> was the first Sunday back together at church for Sunday morning only. It was so good to be together even wearing masks and doing other things required by the State.

The legal process has been started for the church land and church parsonage in the Alvorada neighborhood. They told us it would be about 6 months, but they do the work. Pray with us that we can get the legal documents. We have two of the three church properties here in Boa Vista registered. Now we need documents for the properties of each Parsonage.

We received our first shot of the vaccine for Covid-19 on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and we did fine. We go back April 13<sup>th</sup> to receive the second shot. We pray all will go well. The shots are free to the people and they are doing it by age groups.

On March 27<sup>th</sup> we received word that a lady from the first church we started in Novo Airao back in 1975 passed away with covid. She was 83 years old. Her one son had been in the hospital for 3 months and his two sisters were also in the hospital. The son is recovering at home, but his one sister died. Such a hard time for the families when several die at the same time. One son, Tiago, that advised about his family lives in our state of Roraima, about 560 miles away so he was unable to be at the funerals. We have not seen them since we left Novo Airao back in 1978. With the technology of cell phones, we were able to reconnect with some of these people and we know that they remember us from when we lived along the river in a small town and did not know much of the Portuguese language.

**April** - Sharon started this month having her **70<sup>th</sup> Birthday** on April 1<sup>st</sup>. She said she does not look a day older than 50. April Fools!!!

Pastor Rogerio, his wife and another couple from church brought breakfast for us. We had phone calls or messages most of the day with Birthday Wishes! We had a little party for Sharon on Easter Sunday – April 4<sup>th</sup>. We had cake and all the trimmings for her after church. She received a package all the way from Canada even though it took from January 26<sup>th</sup> until March 23<sup>rd</sup> to arrive. Thank you to all that made this day special.

Please pray for Pastor Luiz and the family as they continue after the death of Rosa. Pray for Pastor Paulo, Pastor Rogerio and Pastor Werlesson as they lead the Baptist Churches here in Roraima. Pray for Pastor Jose Orlain as he pastors in Novo Airao, Amazonas.



April 11<sup>th</sup> the Bible Baptist Church Getsemani had their 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Pastor Dionso was invited to be the special speaker. He graduated from the Bible Institute in Manaus and taught at the Institute. He is Pastoring a church in our State of Roraima. Pastor Rogerio invited him to speak on the theme "Shine as lights in the world" Philippians 2:15. Please continue to pray for this church and that they will be able to have regular services once again. The attendance is down due to the Covid-19 but God is still blessing.

A special **Thank You** to everyone for your prayers. Praying that our always-abiding, always-supplying, never-failing God will hold you close today. What a challenge to keep getting the Gospel out to the people in Brazil. The Lord is still working, and souls are being saved.

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Your missionaries in Northern Brazil,

Months of February and March  
THANK YOU!

*Bill and Sharon*

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