



The Smith's Missionaries to Brazil



Sharon and Bill

Dear Friends,

September-October 2022

August – We finally cleared out the one storage Unit on the 19th but still need to work on our Unit. We began our travels to Brimfield, Ohio with Pastor Chuck Whetzel on August 24th. On the 28th we gave our presentation to Union Mission Church in West Virginia where Sharon's Uncle, Denzil Bleigh attends. The 29th we were with Rick and Joann McClain in Ripley, West Virginia. We first met at their wedding in Ohio in 1969. We left West Virginia and headed to Fort Worth, Texas.

September- We went to the Mission Conference at Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas on September 7-11. The church celebrated "Christmas in September" and it was great! Each missionary presented three needs for the Mission Field and these needs were met by the church people. Gifts were given for personal needs as well and we all opened the gifts right in the service. We want to say a great big "**Thank You**" to all that gave and had a part in the very special Mission Conference. They presented us with a Bible and had different people sign it saying they would pray for us.

The church presented us with a Plaque and Flowers for our 50 plus years as missionaries in Brazil as well as a special 50th Wedding Anniversary gift of money. **Thank you**, Worth Baptist and Pastor Tyler Gillit.

We spent some time visiting with Bob and Sandra (Henderson) Temple while in the area. Sandra's family took care of us a lot while they were missionaries in Manaus, Brazil. We always enjoy visiting with her and Brother Bob.

On September 22nd we left Fort Worth, Texas and drove to Lansing, Kansas to spend a couple of days with Mrs. Elaine Hawkins for her 92nd Birthday. She lives with her daughter Esther. It was good to spend time remembering all the good times we had in Brazil working together over the many years.



Sioux City, Iowa and the Sioux City Baptist Church was our next stop. We began our encounter with colder weather and strong winds. Lots of corn fields and beautiful country. Pastor Quentin Vaughn is the Pastor and we appreciate him asking us to come and share about the work in Northern Brazil. We were able to see friends we knew in the church as well as meet many new friends.

Lansing, Michigan, was our next stop to visit Bill's nephew, Michael Smith, and his family.

Chuck and Bonnie Lixey have been friends of ours over 40 years since we first met them at a Mission Conference at Flint Baptist Temple. They invited us to stay with them as long as we need while in Michigan. They have been great hosts and this has been a restful time during our travels "Thank you for your love for missions and missionaries."



October- October 2nd, while in the Michigan area we visited Flint Baptist Temple on Sunday morning and the Fenton Rd. Baptist Church that night. On the 5th we were at First Baptist Church, Westland, Michigan. On the 9th we had Sunday services at Covenant Baptist Church, Sterling Heights, Michigan. We will be in Michigan for the IBFI Fall Fellowship 11-13. We are looking forward to seeing friends and Pastors that we haven't seen for over five years or more. The Theme is "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest"

We still have some churches to visit before visiting relatives and packing for our return to Brazil November 9th, Lord willing.

News from Brazil – Someone jumped the fence at Alvorada church and stole the copper wiring that was underground for the air conditioning units. That had to be replaced. The other churches are still going as far as we know. The saying is "no news is good news." We are praying that all is going well.



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