

# Bill and Mary Horton Missionaries to Northern Brazil



PRAISE AND PRAYER

APRIL AND MAY 2018

#### FOLLOWING THE LORD

s we follow the Biblical principles of missions from the Book of Acts, Mary and I are obeying God's Word as we begin this furlough of reporting to our supporting churches and seeking to encourage local churches in reaching the lost near and far. During the first six weeks of long distance driving, Mary was unable to travel with me because of physical problems but I was ably to be in some wonderful churches in SD, IA, NE, KS and TX. It is so good when we can travel together.

#### **IBBN**

he Bible Baptist Institute of the North is doing very well under the leadership of its Brazilian president, Pastor Fablo Costa. As many of you know, with the temporary absence of all American professors and with two of the Brazilian professors having been called to churches further south in Brazil, we were forced to go to the Modular system of study. Since December 2017, four semesters of study for four courses have been completed, two of the professors coming from distant states in Brazil. The students are encouraged and the professors are joyful in the Work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **CAMP TIME**

t will soon be camp time at the El Shalom Independent Baptist Camp in Ananindeua, Pará Brazil. Hundreds of young people, adolescents and children are eagerly awaiting these blessed events in the month of July. Special speakers are coming in from other states and some young people also. All of the investments in property, buildings, equipment and much preparation have rendered much fruit in souls being saved and lives being changed for God's glory. Many of the full time servants of God in the churches and ministries in our state were either saved or surrendered their lives to God during or shortly after one of the Camp meetings.

# **HEALTH NEEDS**

Ithough Mary has lived with multiple physical difficulties since infancy, she has never allowed that to keep her from serving God and from following me wherever God has sent us. Please pray as she may soon have to undergo reverse left shoulder replacement in order to achieve some more mobility and to relieve some of the pain she has endured for the last several years. Please pray for wisdom for her surgeon should this be necessary. Our goal is to return to Brazil sometime in March 2019.

## **FURLOUGH GOALS**

am foreseeing a necessary 8 day trip to Brazil in late June of this year to resolve some documentation issues concerning our home and property. Afterward we plan to continue our furlough travels until February of 2019. Please pray that God will use us this furlough to be faithful witnesses for our Lord Jesus Christ and, to give encouragement wherever we go that Christians will commit themselves to a lifetime of following biblical examples of lives surrendered to God's will.

#### **GRATEFULNESS**

re are very thankful to God and, also, to you for the supply of our needs. And truly, our needs are being met by our Father in Heaven and through your faithful commitment to Christ's Great Commission to each local Church. Your endeavor in missions has yielded fruit as the Message of Salvation is being preached and souls have been and are being saved. Men and women are being prepared for the challenges of proclaiming God's Word and children are being reached with the Good News of the Gospel. May God richly supply your every need, open doors of great opportunities and send more labourers into His Harvest. He will do this as we place ourselves in His Hands for service.

Serving together our Lord Jesus,

Bill and Mary