

John & Isa Horton



From the Cross, through the Church, to the World...

Hello Pastor and fellow servants,

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We pray this letter finds you all well. Our return to the US was one of sweet sorrow. It was hard to leave our people of Brazil, however we were blessed to see how the churches, in our absence, have moved forward in the work of the Lord. The churches continue to grow and the pastors are assuming vital roles in the ministry. The Bible Baptist Institute of the North has 26 students and, under the leadership of Pastor Fablo Costa, is doing very well. The El Shalom Baptist Camp is entering a new stage of development as they move forward in the document process. Please continue to pray for the work in "Northern" Brazil.

We are excited about the new ministry God has opened the door to, and we would like to share a little about what we will be doing. Isa and I have seen a whole generation of missionaries retire with very few if any to replace them. We have seen new deputation missionaries never make it to the field and many that do, don't make it past their first term. God promises to call and separate servants out of every generation for the work of evangelism and discipleship in the regions beyond. As **Executive Mission Director**, our desire is, when requested, to assist local Independent Baptist Churches and their missionaries using the experience God has given us during the past 25 years in Brazil with: **Mission Emphasis, Preparing their missionaries for deputation and the field through missionary training, Support communication with their missionaries, Assist missionaries while on deputation and on the field prepare to win souls and establish indigenous Baptist Churches.** **MISSIONS** is **STILL** the **HEARTBEAT** of God and the purpose of the church.

Another part of our ministry and a burden God has laid on Isa's and my heart is for **Missionary kids**. While transitioning back into the culture here in the United States, Isa and I have seen first-hand, in our own children and others, how difficult it is for them. Many times churches do not understand what the M.K. is going through. We have seen many M.K.s fall through the cracks and some have had their lives ruined. Our desire is to be of assistance to these precious servants of God and their children. When requested, we will be available to these missionaries.

Folks, **MISSIONS** is much more than the missionary and his work. **God put us here in this new ministry**, and while it may not be on foreign soil it is still **VITAL** to the work of **MISSIONS**! The book of Acts records many facets of the Great Commission and since included in the precious Word of God it must be important! Our ministry includes much more and we look forward to what God will do and keeping you informed as our ministry progresses. Pastor, if I can be of assistance to your church or if you have any concerns please contact us at any time.

We are here for you! Words cannot express our **gratitude** for your partnering with us in this new ministry God has placed us in! Together we are reaching the lost for Christ around the world!

For the Cause of Missions,

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