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**Missionaries to
 Northern Brazil**



A NEW YEAR FOR GOD'S GLORY

DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019

CONTINUING ON...

Our furlough time is passing fast, many miles have been traveled reporting to our faithful supporting churches and, although it has been, to date, a blessed and fruitful year with souls being saved and Christians encouraged in the work, (ourselves included) we have been away from the WORK that is so dear to our hearts. This last extended trip is underway but, unfortunately, Mary was unable to accompany me yet, I love to preach God's Word in Portuguese or in English. I love to give testimony of what God has done and what we are asking Him to do in the future. Please pray!

NEWS FROM AFAR...

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (Psalms 133:1). When God's people work together, there is less friction and the fellowship is sweeter. This sweetness in the overall work between the churches in Pará Brazil is being witnessed by the people more and more. We praise the Lord because this is His doing. What a blessing! The Family Spiritual Camp of 2019 will be held from March 2-6, during which time the country, as a whole, will be giving itself over to the desires of the flesh. Many lost friends will be invited to the retreat so, please pray that souls will be saved and Christians will be encouraged to make a total commitment of their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The Independent Baptist Church of Benevides, founded by our sons and their families, is really growing. The men are growing in the Lord and many are faithful witnesses of the Lord Jesus in their community.



Please pray for a new missionary family in Belém, Chris and Brenda Bell and children, who are busy learning the Portuguese language and Brazilian culture, and anxious to plant an independent, fundamental Baptist church for God's glory.

Please pray, also, for Pastor Inacio and his wife Natalina who are going through some difficult days. She is also very sick. Ministerial problems faced in the US are also experienced around the world. We are all besieged by the same temptations also.

However, because of the difference in cultures, the same difficulty can be more devastating upon servants of God in one culture than in another. We must lift one another up, not ignore our brothers, neither cast stones at them. Thank the Lord for His wonderful mercy and compassion.

ANXIOUS TO RETURN...

While there is still much to do in the way of reporting to many faithful supporting churches, we are, nevertheless, homesick to be returning to the mission work that God burdened our souls for back in 1970, reaching the lost of Brazil with the message of hope in the Gospel of Christ Jesus. We are determined to do all that we can to reach the lost, whatever the cost. Some consider us too old to continue on. Some consider us too weak for the tasks ahead. But, so far, God has not told us to stay. We only know how to go ahead. He knows our frame and He will lead. Where He leads, we will follow. Can others tell us when and where that will be? We cannot! But, God can and, will. We pray you will return with us: with your prayers, with your giving by faith (He WILL Provide) and with your witnessing to the lost wherever that may be. You have loved the lost of Brazil, through us. Now, many are saved - your brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. One day we will all meet and God will be glorified. Return with us...

GRATEFULNESS TO GOD...

Oh, how good is our wonderful God. He bestows and bestows. His love is overwhelming and His mercy everlasting. His compassions fail not and His ways past finding out. Grateful we are to God. Thank You, Lord Jesus.

We are thankful to you for your commitment to God in your faithful prayer and financial support of our ministries. We thank you for providing our needs and, to those of you who have opened your homes to us during this and many other years. We humble ourselves in gratitude to God for you. May He supply all your needs this year and give you a bountiful harvest of souls.

In Christ,
Bill and Mary

