



Merry
Christmas
from the **HORTONS**
Missionaries to
Northern Brazil

Benevides, December 9, 2019

Dear Prayer Partners,

Last night at church, Pr. Fablo asked the church, "What would the world be like without Christmas?" The first thing that came to my mind was, "It would be lost!" The fact is, without the birth of Christ, there would be no cross, and without the cross the world would be lost. Indeed, the reason the angels sang in praise that night outside Bethlehem was because the "Saviour" was born. Therefore, notwithstanding the issue of the exact date of Jesus' birth, and the sad fact that the world has distorted the true meaning of Christmas, we celebrate at this time the blessed Incarnation of God, our hope and peace!

We are blessed this Christmas to have our daughter Keila with us again. She has finished her last semester of Bible College and will be graduating in May. She and her boyfriend Micah are seriously considering their possible future together, so we ask that you please pray for them as they too pray for God's wisdom in their decisions.

Stacy is also excited about perfecting her music skills in order to begin college next fall. We are looking for a good music school for her to attend until we go on furlough in May.

I mentioned in our last letter that I would be having my five-year cancer screening in October-November. We are happy to report that the doctor has given me a clean bill of health! We are so thankful to the Lord for pouring His grace upon us during these past five years, and we are excited at the prospect of continuing to serve Him here in the country of Brazil. Please pray for Antonia's vision health as well as her back and legs. She is doing ok right now, but her health is quite delicate in these areas, and she needs to be very careful in her daily activities.

In the area of ministry, we are busy getting our Bible Institute facilities repaired, and we are anticipating several new students for the Spring semester. In January, we will be graduating three students, praise the Lord!

Also, we were encouraged when a young couple from the church in Benevides came to us and told us that they want to start Bible Institute and also help us get a new congregation started. We have been praying for this! Their names are Éwerton and Letícia. I had the privilege of officiating their wedding about 2½ years ago. Please pray for them and for us, as we go forward with these plans.

We plan on going to the U.S. in May for a nine month furlough. We are excited about reporting to some of our churches, as well as presenting our ministry in some new churches. Please pray as we make plans, that God will give us wisdom and open doors for us to report, minister, be a blessing, and perhaps raise some much needed new support for our family and ministry. Of course, we thank you for your faithful prayers and sacrificial support of us. We pray that the Lord will bless you as we continue to labor until He comes. May God grant you a Merry Christmas and a blessed beginning to the New Year!

"Silent Night,
Holy Night"

Until He comes,

Kyron W. Horton

Kyron, Antonia, Keila, and Stacy Horton