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YOUR MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

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# **Spring 2020**

#### **GREETING FROM NORTH CAROLINA...**

We came home for a short two month stay in March and as you all know, things radically changed to retain us here because of the pandemic. It has allowed us to reevaluate a lot of things as we are sure it has you. Standing in the present situation and trial, we look at what the future holds now. God, His Word, and purpose never change, regardless of the times or situation and His grace and love are just as abundant for each day as ever. We begin to realize what it means even more to "live by faith, looking to Jesus, wait on the Lord, trust Him!"

#### **FAMILY & CHURCH...**

We have been allowed to spend more time with our children, grandchildren, and great granddaughter like never before. Also, we have been able to serve the Lord in "edifying the saints" in the local church where our son-in-law and daughter attend. The church is in a phase of rebuilding and organizing. The present pastor was handed a flock with much neglect and need of building up again. So, our time with them they say has been a real blessing to them "for such a time as this."

### CONTINUING THE WORK IN BRAZIL...

We have continued to record messages weekly for the churches in Santarem. We had been having a few "Zoom" meetings with the first church plant of Bela Vista until they started allowing the church to return to restricted church services. At present, they are still maintaining. Our communication generally with all the works has been through the "What's App" media by cell phone, which works well for us there and here. Continue to pray for those brethren to firm up their faith and purity and courage in their witnessing in these strange days.

# **RETURN TO BRAZIL...**

We have finally been able to purchase passage to return to Brazil. We leave out of Orlando, Florida on September 29, 2020. We ask you to pray for good success in making our return without any "glitches" out of the norm. We will have to remain in isolation for a couple of weeks when we arrive in Santarem. We realize that we are returning to the work under different economy and social life than before. Pray that God will give us magnified wisdom and quadrupled discernment concerning His will and way in light of all this. The "sheep" need encouraging and guidance and protection in these "hostile" times.

# PRAISE GOD FOR YOU...

We praise God for all of you and your faithfulness to God and His work where you live and with us in Brazil. We pray for you and that God will guide and comfort and illuminate your minds and hearts in this impending darkness that we sense is falling on our land. None of this is a "surprise" to our sovereign God who reigns



**Delayed Return to Brazil** 





Time in NC



**Grandkids!** 

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eternally and governs the world and universe He created. He is perfectly working His plan for us and the church of Jesus Christ and we are glad to be serving Him and you in His plan.

God bless and use you to do all to the unusual and extraordinary for His glory. Thank you for giving and above all else for praying for us and the churches in Brazil.

Jim & Rhonda Shaw Philippians 3:10-14

### P.S.

We hope to be able to begin reporting to all our supporting churches in the year 2021 upon our return from Brazil in July.



"Live-Streaming" from the







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Ps. 113:3

"From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised."

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