



Jim & Rhonda Shaw

Your Missionaries to Brazil

Spring/Summer 2021 Prayer Letter

Greetings again from the Amazon Region of Brazil. What a year 2020 was and 2021 still is with all the radical change brought on by the Covid-19 crisis! In spite of the needed restrictions, (masks, sanitizers, and social distancing) we have been able to get back to our meetings and activities with the churches here. In March we were able to begin having our teen, men, and ladies meetings again. This has been a huge blessing to be able to meet together and worship the Lord. We are thankful for the ways God gave us to continue giving out the word and encouraging our people during lockdowns, but being back in church again has been a real blessing!

The search for a good pastor for our first church plant is still ongoing. We have had a couple of prospects. Please pray with us that God will send His man to “come over and help us!”

The pandemic continues to take its toll in all of Brazil. We have suffered many losses here in our area. Pastors, pastors’ wives, and friends have succumbed to this virus and gone on to Glory. At this writing, our dear friend, Silvio Batista, is in the ICU in Manaus under sedation. His wife, Marcia, is at home with Covid as well. Difficult times!

We received some monies from the BMM’s World Fund to help with those suffering here because of Covid. We have been able to give out food baskets to those needing extra help. In addition, we have been able to help fund a major brain aneurysm surgery that one of our ladies needs quickly and for which she doesn’t have the funds. We are so thankful to be able to help in these ways. Next month we will also be assisting to pay for exams and prescription drugs for one of our ladies who has an on-going blood clotting disease. She lives in a little wooden house and has a husband who rarely works and does not provide for her. She can no longer work and Rhonda was able to help her get disability pay. However, the \$200 a month she receives does not cover the blood work and doctor’s appointment that she must do every 3 months. So we always help in this area. We are now working with her doctor to try to get her permanently retired so that she can receive that pay for the rest of her life. Please pray with us about this.

We are seeing some fruit in the Bela Vista Church with two couples and another lady desiring to become members of the church. Two of these ladies were saved during a Bible Study they were doing with Rhonda.

June is a super busy month for us this year. We have a teen activity including all the churches, two valentine banquets (Valentine’s Day is in June here), one for the young people and one for couples, a wedding, the anniversary of the Peniel Church, and an engagement party. May the Lord help us to do each activity in a way that will honor Him.

We are preparing for our return in July and setting things in order here. We very much want to begin in September to give reports to our supporting churches on our ministry. We are looking forward to coming your way to do so. We would like to start filling our calendar even now if possible. If you could contact us at our email address: jimrhon73@yahoo.com, we can mark the dates you wish for us to come. We will be available most Wednesdays, weekends, or for mission conferences. We are aware of the effect the pandemic has had on services and meetings, so we will be as flexible as we can to fit your needs and scheduling. Please let us know. We have missed reporting to several of our supporting churches due to Jim pastoring three churches here at the same time. With two pastors here now to help the situation, we are able to do this now.

We praise God for each of you and pray for you and the works there at home. Thank you for team-working with us these 36 years now in the Gospel ministry! God bless and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

In Him,

Jim and Rhonda

Acts 26:18

