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## YOUR MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

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### WINTER 2018 & SPRING 2019

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you for your steadfastness in the faith and for your constant prayers for us in the work of God here. We know you are interceding, and it is working for our good and the Gospel's! Don't let up!

#### OUR APOLOGIES!

First of all, let us apologize for not sending out a prayer letter in so long. We have been overwhelmed since getting back to Brasil with so many events and simply didn't get it done. We will try to be more prompt in this part of our responsibility to you.

#### CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES...

We had our Christmas program on the Sunday before Christmas with all four churches participating. Then the wonderful service was capped off with a meal. We praise the Lord for the fellowship and harmony we have together in the Lord!

#### TRAVELS IN THE US...

We began our journey from Brasil to NC and parts unknown to spend time with family and friends. We celebrated Christmas with our daughters, son-in law, grandchildren, and great grandchild. We then headed to TN for Jim's mom's funeral. She had passed away earlier in December at 87 years old. Although always a sad time, it was also a time for reuniting with family we hadn't seen in many years. Thank you for your prayers!

We spent a few days in the Smokey Mountains and then headed out to KS to visit Jim's step-mom and brothers there. On the way, we stopped off in KY to visit with some former missionaries from Santarem who had begun the Vitoria church. During our time in KS, Jim was able to preach in one of our supporting churches. We were glad for this opportunity! We then traveled back to Jacksonville, FL. On the way, we got to stop at Dallas Theological Seminary where one of our Brazilian couples is studying. We had a great time seeing this family. Jessica was a young child when she began coming with her family to the Bela Vista Baptist Church, our first church plant in Santarem.

We attended the funeral service of a missionary friend in Jacksonville, who had served for many years in Uruguay. Then it was back to NC for a visit with more of our supporters and to attend the funeral service of another great Brazilian missionary. After spending more time with family, we returned to Jacksonville to pack away our winter clothes and ready ourselves for the trip back to Brasil. Before our departure, we attended one more funeral, Rhonda's last aunt.



CHRISTmas Celebrations!



Our grand "boys"



Our grand "girls"



Jim, His Mom & Brothers

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### Youth Camp



### Church Anniversary



### BACK TO WORK!

We arrived back in Santarem on February 24th and began the race again. We had one week to get ready for our youth camp out in the jungle. We had a great camp with the theme "Where in the world are you?" Several of the campers rededicated their lives during camp and two of the young men are now engaged in further Bible studies. Pray for the continual working of God's Spirit in each of their lives.

We then marched forward to get ready for the 25th anniversary of the Bela Vista church in March. We had as our guest preacher a pastor from Manaus. He has pastored a church for 20 years now and is such a humble, gracious man. His messages were edifying and again we praise the Lord for the fellowship of all four churches who participated during those anniversary services!

### WAYS YOU CAN PRAY...

1. Pray continually for God to send us good men of God to assume the churches here.
2. Pray for the health of several here. Rhonda has spent the past three weeks helping one of our ladies who is suffering greatly. She was in the hospital for several days and Rhonda stayed with her for 12 hours a day. She has also been with her thru every exam and doctor's appointment. As of today, we still do not have a diagnosis.
3. Pray for health during this rainy season, which brings with it a surge of mosquitos, who bring with them many illnesses. Also, the flu is running rampant and many have been down sick.

### EASTER...

As we celebrate the death burial and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we praise our God for loving us enough to send His Son to make the way for our salvation. May we each reflect on the true symbols of Easter, the cross and the empty tomb! God bless you each one and continue to do the unusual in and through you!

### YOURS AND HIS FOR SOULS,

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Hebrews 6:10



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