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#### FALL/WINTER 2017

##### THANK YOU!

We are forever grateful to God for each of you, for your faith, your generous giving and perseverance in the Gospel work here with us. We hope each of you had a joyous Christmas and have great expectations for the coming year.

##### GROWTH...

We have seen an increase in attendance in our churches in the children's ministries. Some of the older children have come to faith in Christ, and we now have a teen department in each of the churches. We have initiated Bible studies with the newcomers, and now have 12 individuals doing the Source of Light Bible Study series.

##### "GREAT" UPDATE...

Thank you for your prayers for our newest "great" grandchild, little Bella Elisabeth. As we previously told you, she was born to our grandchild, Dakota, on August 4 very prematurely. She was in the NICU at Erlanger in Chattanooga for 8 weeks. She was able to go home in October and is doing very well. Please continue to pray for momma and daughter. Rhonda left here in October to meet this precious bundle and Jim went in November.

##### ANOTHER HOMEGOING...

Jim arrived in Orlando on November 15<sup>th</sup>. He was met by Rhonda with the news that his dad "G.E." had passed away in his sleep early that day at the care facility where he had been for several months. We made plans to fly to Kansas and help Jim's brothers with the funeral arrangements. We are thankful for Rhonda's cousin who helped so very much with these extra expenses. Six out of the eight "Shaw boys" were present for the funeral along with some of the grandchildren, a great grandson and a great-great grandson. We remained several days to spend time with Jim's stepmom and help with relocating her to a better life care facility.

##### FAMILY TIME...

We traveled to North Carolina and Tennessee to visit our daughters and grandchildren (and of course spend some time getting to know our first great grandchild).

#### How You Can Pray:

- Three churches that still need national pastors
- Pastor Osmar and his new ministry
- Continued growth in our churches
- Mission team from Victory Baptist Church coming in July
- Jim's Step-Mom - Jean Shaw
- Our Children & Grandchildren



G.E. Shaw



"Shaw Boys"

#### Praise!

- Osmar & Family returned to pastor the Victory Baptist Church
- Our keyboard was located and returned back to us!

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Stacy's Family



Time with Shelly



Heading back to Brasil



Christmas Festivities

### TRAVELS BACK TO BRASIL...

We headed back to Jacksonville to get ready for the trip back to Brazil. We are so thankful for Rita, Rhonda's "sister" who put up with us each time we were in Jacksonville and who also drove us to Orlando for our flight out. The trip went well until we arrived in Belem to discover that the airline had lost our Yamaha Key Board. After many processes and discussions, they were able to find it and send it on to us.

### BACK ON THE FIELD...

We have been busy getting ready for the usual year-end activities. We had a retreat for our joint youth program to wrap up the year; we also had a special joint Christmas service; and New Year's Eve will be another joint service to bring in the new year. Of course each of these events also has a time of food and fellowship! We are, after all, Baptists!

### CLOSING WORDS...

Pray as we map out this new year to the glory of God and the Gospel! Also pray for the mission team of Victory Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida as they prepare to come our way in July 2018. They will be helping with the construction of a wall around the Peniel property as well as doing VBS in a couple of our churches.

God bless each of your church and personal families as you celebrate the reason Christ Jesus came to this earth. He is indeed "God's Unspeakable Gift" to us all! (II Corinthians 9:15)

### YOURS AND HIS FOR SOULS,

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