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THANK YOU!

We want to thank you all once again for the privilege of working together to make sure that others will have a chance to know of God's grace and love through Jesus Christ and His Gospel. We have always strongly believed that if God calls us to do a task that He is well able to provide the wisdom, power, and means to do it!

YOUTH CAMP

We held our youth camp in February at the Escola da Floresta (Forest School). We had a total of 30 participants from the four churches. Our theme this year was from Psalm 71, "You are the God of my youth". Pastor Osmar (our speaker this year, in addition to Jim) was one of our original young teens from the Bela Vista church. He was saved through that ministry and God called him to preach. He studied at seminary in Belem and returned to work in the Peniel work for 8 years. He went to the interior of the Amazon for a couple of years and then went to south Brasil for 3 years. The Victory church here extended a call to him; he accepted; and returned to Santarem in December. We are so thankful for him, his wife (Elisangela), and their three boys being a part of the ministry here once again.

OUR BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS CONFERENCE

We traveled to Manaus in March for the annual BMM family conference. It was a blessing and encouragement to see many of our team workers from all over Brasil. We were blessed by the sermons from our BMM President who was our guest speaker.

24TH ANNIVERSARY OF BELA VISTA BAPTIST CHURCH!

We began the Bela Vista Baptist Church in 1988 and officially organized it in 1994. Pastor Poderoso from Manaus was our guest preacher. He did a wonderful job of preaching around our theme, "The church of the Living God, Pillar and Ground of the Truth" (I Tim. 3:15). One 24-year-old man came forward to be saved during the conference. Pastor Poderoso has been a dear friend since our arrival in Brasil in 1987. He helped us greatly in the culture and language training.

REMODELING PROJECT

We began a huge remodeling project right after conference at the Bela Vista Church. We are replacing the wooden windows and doors of the sanctuary and putting in tempered glass. Everything is currently a big mess, but it will look great when finished! (And will deny the termites any more food for their families!) Each one of our church buildings is in need of a makeover in some area or another. Pray as we try to bring our buildings up to "par".

How You Can Pray:

- Results from seeds sown at youth camp
- Three additional pastors needed for the churches
- Continued growth in our churches
- Updating of our church buildings
- Mission team from Victory Baptist Church coming in July
- Jim's Step-Mom - Jean Shaw
- Our Children & Grandchildren



Youth Camp



Pastor Poderoso

Praise!

- Pastor Omar returning to work in Santarem!
- Salvation of a young man at our 24th Anniversary!
- Baptism of one of our ladies!

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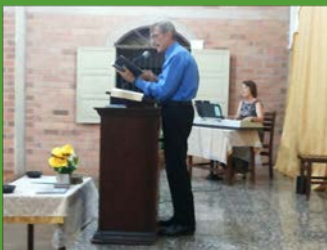
A Few of Our Teens



A Few of Our "Littles"



Baptism



Doing Ministry

KEEPING ON...KEEPING ON!

Continue to pray for the men and women's ministries, our teen work, and children's clubs. God is blessing! We baptized one of our single women at the Bela Vista church during the conference. Continue to pray also for the ten that are continuing in the Bible courses and the 3 women that Rhonda is meeting with weekly.

SINCE 1984...

Since we began as foreign missionaries in 1984, God has been absolutely true and abundant in His supply! "...My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus", Phil. 4:19. These are not just words, but reality!

Only once have we had to ask for more monthly support in all these years. However, in the last two years, there has been a "wave" of reduced support by some and others who are completely unable to continue any support. It seems that everyone is suffering from high medical costs and insurance, and this has been a heavy burden for us as well. Due to these combined facts, we have entered the "red" with the mission for the first time. We are making adjustments, reorganizing our financial house, and now come to you to ask if it would be possible to raise your monthly giving or send a special love offering to help put us back in the "black".

We are firm advocates and followers of the instruction that Paul gives us all in Phil. 4:6-7, "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God and the peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". God will supply our needs. Perhaps He would use you to do so. If He should touch your heart, you may send a gift to Jim & Rhonda Shaw at Baptist Mid Missions.

Thank you all for faithfully serving with us these many years here in the Amazon Region of Brasil!

YOURS AND HIS FOR SOULS,

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