

# The Amazonian

The HORTON FAMILY Newsletter

## Taking the Light of Jesus to Northern Brazil

Planting New Testament Baptist Churches

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### MINISTRY NEWS

- The work here in Palmas is still going very slowly. Nevertheless, we thank the Lord for the visitors that have come and for the privilege of preaching the Gospel week after week. **Please pray** for fruit in the work here and that God will give us courage and wisdom to make the right decisions with regard to our ministry and family.
- **Please pray** for the **Independent Baptist Church in New City**, the work my brother and I started in 2006. The church and its pastor, Fabio Costa, have been going through a time of trials and financial struggle for the last few years. Pray that God will save souls, as well as encourage and challenge the members of the church to stand firm in these last days.
- We are thankful that the **Independent Baptist Church in Benevides**, the first work we started back in 1996, is going through a blessed time of growth and spiritual maturity under the leadership of Pastor Josias Almeida. We know that periods of blessings rile up the devil, so **please pray** that the church will continue to be sober and vigilant!
- The **Bible Baptist Institute of the North** will resume class modules for the new school year in February. The module method has allowed the students to get individual classes done in a shorter time period, as well as having pastors and missionaries come from different parts of the country to teach and share their ministry experiences. **Please pray** for the Institute and for Pr. Fabio, the current director, as they prepare for this new semester.
- As far as **Camp El Shalom**, we are gearing up for the 2019 Family Retreat in early March. **Please pray** for God to work in the hearts of the speakers and campers this year.

Also, **please pray** that we will be able to get some much-needed and unfinished documentation done on the camp property. This is a very costly and time-consuming process. Pr. Juscelino is our camp president right now, and he really needs your prayers as he tackles this daunting task in a bureaucratic system whose rolls of red tape never seem to run out!

### ABOUT THE FAMILY...

- In November, I had my annual cancer screenings done, and the doctor gave me a clean bill of health for another year. **Thank you for praying**, and **please continue to pray** for Antonia's back and leg issues that she continues to struggle with.
- At the end of December, we enjoyed a 10-day trip up to Belém to visit family and the work there. What a privilege it was to visit, as well as preach, in a couple of our churches there.
- In January, I had Extracapsular Cataract Extraction and Intraocular Lens implantation surgery done in both my eyes. For those who, like me, may not understand medical terminology, that means they removed the blurry lenses from under my cornea and gave me artificial lenses so that I don't have to wear glasses anymore! We are **so thankful** that God allowed me to get this done, and that our insurance will cover most of the cost. Praise the Lord!
- Stacy is finishing her high school studies, and is also sending out college applications, as she plans to start college this fall. She is leaning toward Crown College in Tennessee, since we've heard good things about the school and that they have a pretty great ministry of music major, as well as a nice campus. **Please pray** that God will grant her (and us) wisdom as she makes this important decision and transition in her life. We will be going to the U.S. in June to help her get acclimated and enrolled in college before returning to Brazil in August.
- **Please pray** for my dad and mom as they make plans for their return to Brazil in the next few months for yet another term. Also, pray as my mother struggles with various health issues.
- **Please pray** also for the declining health of Antonia's aging mom and dad, Antonio and Clara.

*"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God..." Acts 26:18a*