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## SUMMER & FALL 2018

### TIME IS FLYING!

The past months have sped by so swiftly! Forgive us for not having sent out a letter before now. Much activity has made the time pass quickly.

### MOTHER'S DAY & CONFERENCE IN MAY

May was special in all the churches because of Mother's Day. The youth were in charge of the programs to honor all the moms that came. We love to see our youth participating and taking charge. We also began a clean-up, fix-up and paint-up campaign at the Peniel church to get ready for their 20th year in the ministry. We invited Pastor Osmar (from the Victory Church & previous pastor at Peniel for 8 years) to preach the conference. Our theme was "called out of darkness into His marvelous light". (1 Peter 2:9)

### VALENTINE'S DAY IN JUNE

In June, we had special banquets both for the youth, and the adults to celebrate Valentine's Day here in Brasil. This is always a special time, especially for the adult couples. Rhonda does all the work, both decorating and cooking, so that they can come and completely enjoy the time together.

### BUILDING PROJECT IN JULY

We had been planning for some time to build a brick wall around the Peniel property (approximately 225 feet long and 6 feet high) with money given by one of our supporting churches, Victory Baptist in Jacksonville, Florida. We were able to get this done! The original plan was for a group from this church to come down and help us with the building, but this didn't work out. So, we used men and women from all four of our churches to get the job done. It took us 3 weeks of hard work in hot, hot weather, but what a difference it has made! Thank you to the folks from Victory for this special love offering.

### FATHER'S DAY IN AUGUST

Father's Day is celebrated in August in Brasil. Again our youth took charge of everything from the music to the time of fellowship after the service with gifts, games and good food. We had many visiting dads at the Peniel church, one of which has recently passed away. How we pray that something he heard in that service caused him to make a decision for the Lord!



Mother's Day



Valentine's Day



Building Project



Father's Day

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## Vacation Bible School



### INDEPENDENCE DAY & CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER

Brasil's Independence Day is the 7th of September and all the schools, police department, fire department and military have parades during this day. One of these parades takes place on the street right in front of the Maranatha Church. We take advantage of this to pass out cold water to the marchers and spectators, along with tracts about the Living Water.

Pastor Poderoso came as our speaker for the 15th year conference of the Maranatha Church. Our theme was "to be like Jesus Christ". He is an influential pastor in Manaus, who greatly influenced our lives when we first came to Brasil. He is also instrumental in the search for pastors for the churches here in Santarem. Pray with us that the Lord would send us men for these struggling works.

### CONFERENCE & VISITORS IN OCTOBER

Jim was invited to preach the 35th anniversary conference of the Siloe Church in Manaus in the beginning of October. The messages from God's Word were well received and the services were well attended.

Jim returned to Santarem on Monday, just in time to disembark from his plane and meet Pastor Stephen Ashmore and Youth Pastor Kenneth Conger just leaving their plane. These men are pastors of the Victory Baptist Church in Jacksonville Florida. They came to spend several days with us and minister in a 3-day VBS we were having in the three churches Jim is pastoring. They were a tremendous help in getting things ready and also in taking part in the event with us. They helped set everything up in each church every day and worked so hard to make our power point of the songs and verses work. They each learned a verse in Portuguese to be able to explain its meaning and teach it to the children. They also preached in our mid-week services and a house meeting, with Jim interpreting (interrupting as Jim would say). We had four children profess Christ from this ministry. It is very hot here this time of year and they seemed to endure the heat well. Our folks fell in love with them both and some good bonds were made in spite of the language barrier!

### POLITICAL EVENTS

Brasil will have elected a new president by the time you receive this letter. Pray for the future of this country. They have suffered so much political corruption and blatant violence and injustice, and long for good, solid changes.

### THANK YOU!

We thank God always for you all and your faithfulness to serve God there and here with us these many years. Thank you for giving and praying. Please continue to intercede for us and for God's work here in the Amazon! Pray for God to call our youth into the ministry. Pray for good pastors to assume our churches here in Santarem. Pray for physical endurance for us, and spiritual wisdom as we serve here in this place. God bless and use each one of you!

YOURS AND HIS FOR SOULS,  
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