

# *A Joyful Christmas*

*From*

*Bill and Mary Horton*

*Serving Christ in Northern Brazil*



Dear Fellow laborers,

December 2019 - January 2020

Mary and I are grateful for your faithful prayer and financial support. As we minister the Joyful tidings, “God with us,” to the people in this great South American country, we rejoice that in this, the completion of our 47<sup>th</sup> year as missionaries serving Christ in Brazil, many thousands of Brazilians have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We would like to report that all of these have believed God’s Word and are now children of Almighty God but, that is not the case. The truth, however, is that a multitude of lost souls here have been saved. All glory and praise is to our Lord Jesus Christ! This would not have been possible, however, if you had not joined with us in prayer and financial support... **“And how shall they preach, except they be sent?”** Many have asked, over the years, *“Please thank the churches that sent your family to us that we could hear the Gospel and trust Christ as our Savior.”* It brings great Joy to our hearts as we continue on with this privileged ministry of telling the Glad Tidings of Christ’s Birth to those we meet.

Please pray for the Bible Club ministry that Mary and two Bible Institute single Lady graduates began over twenty years ago. It has been a great blessing in the churches that are still seeking to reach the children and adolescents of their areas and, many are being saved and faithfully serving the Lord Jesus in their respective churches. Nevertheless, one of the churches is no longer using any outreach ministry at all to reach the little ones. Sometimes, the leadership of a church begins to emphasize more on the negative than on the positive side of ministry and, things begin to spiral downward instead of going upward and outward. God withholds His blessings.

The Bible Baptist Institute of the North (IBBN) just finished another semester of four modular weeks of study. The Criteria at hand was about how to correctly interpret the prophecies of God’s Word. Several students “should” be graduating in January of 2020 (as I’m still grading final test and projects turned in.) Please pray that God will bless this important ministry of preparing those that He has called into the Gospel ministry. The next semester of modular classes will begin in early February. Please pray that God will send those who want to seriously study His Word. Please pray also for the teachers of our Bible Institute.

We also ask you to begin praying for our family Retreat during the last week of carnival in February. Brazilian Carnival is a time of deep carnal depravity that is promoted by the Catholic church and civil governments throughout the country. Our theme this coming retreat is “The Family’s Responsibility in their Local Church.”

Our prayers for you are that God will bless and supply the needs in your church family and that He will fill your hearts with Joy as you continue on serving Him into the new year...

Revelation 17:14b **“...and the Lamb shall overcome them:  
for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings...”**

Joyful Love and Praise to our Soon coming King of kings,

*Bill and Mary*

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