



# Thanksgiving and Joy

from Bill and Mary Horton  
serving Him in Northern Brazil

How thankful we are!

November and December 2017

As we remember the providence of our wonderful Creator, Savior and Friend, the Lord Jesus Christ, we want to thank each of you for your faithful prayer and financial support and blessings received during this past year. We now begin a time of renewal in our sending church and reporting to our faithful supporting churches of the things God has done in our lives and ministries. We covet your prayers as we embark upon this endeavor.

The Bible Baptist Institute of the North, as of September 2017, has entered a new phase of its ministry in preparing God's servants of Brazil for the Pastorate and Mission endeavors. Many are those who have already graduated and are serving in several Brazilian states, among tribal nations and in foreign lands. The work of preparation continues. However, because of the lack of qualified professors, it has been necessary to leave the two semester system and adopt what we call the in class Modular system. It has been underway since middle October 2017 and, already, two full semester courses have been completed. All of our existing academic disciplines will be covered, only taking more time for a student to graduate. Please pray for us and for our Bible Institute students and professors, most of whom, will be coming from far.

We ask your continued prayers for Pastor Messias Batista and Pastor Josias Almeida; each of which are pastoring two churches. Please pray that God will raise up faithful men to stand in the gap where needed.

The El Shalom Independent Baptist Camp has, for many years, been greatly blessed of God. Please pray that He will raise up one of His faithful servants to maintain and administrate that ministry. Very recently, because of the lack of someone present on the property, thieves broke in and stole all of the dishes, pans and the small kitchen equipment - plus the motors and compressors of the freezers and refrigerator. **We need your prayers!**

Our prayers are that you will have a blessed time of special Thanksgiving to God and a Joyful Christmas as we declare to the world with Celebration "our Savior's Birth." All Praise be to God Almighty.

Joyfully united with you in Serving our Precious Lord Jesus,

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