



Tim & Betty Hawkins - Brazil



To all our Friends and Helpers:

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*"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, **the same commit thou to faithful men**, who shall be able to teach others also."* 2 Timothy 2:2

The Bible Institute in Manaus finished up another trimester on May 27th. This was a special time since it marked our 50th anniversary! A special day was planned for the 26th of May for a one day celebration of this historic event in the history of the Bible Institute. The Bible Baptist Institute was started by Joe and Elaine Hawkins and Cecil and Saundra Henderson in March of 1973. Joe and Cecil are in Heaven today but Elaine Hawkins and Saundra Henderson are still with us. Each sent a short Video which was played on Friday night the 26th. Complete silence and many tears of remembrance.

Many hours of planning and preparation were spent to make it a very special event! Our churches pitched in and did a fantastic job of helping us prepare. We had graduates come from all over northern Brazil. There were 12 Indian pastors who pastor Indigenous churches present, who work in the Amazon Basin close to the Columbian border. The fellowship was great and the reports were encouraging as we heard what God has done through those who came and received training and went out into the harvest fields. Through the years, five of our graduates have started their own Bible Institutes using the same material they studied with here in Manaus. We praise the Lord that they still have a vision for Missions.

Dr. Cecil Thayer (pastor of the Massillon Baptist Temple) was able to attend as our Special speaker and Pr. Kacy Ray, (intern at Massillon Baptist Temple). Massillon Baptist Temple and Worth Baptist Church gave a special love offering with which we were able to build an auditorium for our churches to hold special meetings and have our graduation exercises for the Institute.



Indian Pastors Present



Special Love Offering Plaque to
Massillon Baptist Temple



Special Love Offering Plaque to
Worth Baptist Church



Graduates Present

We praise the Lord for the blessings He has given us. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!! Continue to pray for more men and women for the ministry and for our churches!

To God be the Glory, great things HE has done!

In HIS Service,

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