



**June 2023**

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

**What a month this has been! For the first time in three years, I was able to return to Brazil I was there for the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Baptist Church in Dom Pedro. The Lord willing, I hope to spend the entire month of June in conferences in three different churches. While in Brazil I stayed with Pastor Paulo Arruda who has a work among the lepers and has also started a new church plant in Manaus. The anniversary of the church in Dom Pedro was topped off with a baptismal service in which 21 followed our Lord in baptism.**

**It was also a joy and privilege to be a part of an ordination service in which two men were dedicated to preaching the gospel. Both were graduates of the seminary started back in the 1970s. The older brother has already helped start a work on the west bank of the Rio Negro River. The younger of the two has a newborn son, Noah, and his wife is a very talented young lady. It was truly a blessing to see how these works are bearing fruit to your account. Many of you reading this had a part in the Lord's founding of these works. Because you prayed and gave, they exist and are reproducing themselves in the Lord.**

**While bodily absent from Brazil five times a week via the internet I have the privilege of speaking with Brazilian pastors in Brazil. Once a week via the internet I hold devotions on the website of one of the churches in Amazonas. Thank the Lord for this modern day tool.**

**I hope to update you in next month's newsletter sharing some of the blessings during my visit. Corrie ten Boom once said, "*The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something, and enter God's realm, where everything is possible.*" Please keep me in your prayers.**

**Unworthily His,**

*Wendell Hiers*

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