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BRAZILIAN MINISTRY (retired)

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

Some days are filled with memories of the years spent in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. **Manaus was the backward capital city of the state of Amazonas, and in 1967 had a population of about 90,000. Tropical and hot, with two seasons, a rainy season and a dry season – Manaus is located on the banks of the Rio Negro – the Black River, which then flows into the mighty Amazon River. It is always Hot there, regardless of the season.** The mosquitos are dominant, and diseases are common, and death at a young age is also common. The Brazilian people in Manaus were warm and friendly. The language is Portuguese – a cousin to Spanish. When you arrive there as a missionary, it is necessary to learn their language, as that is the language of their hearts, as English is the language of our hearts. So, you find someone to teach you, and set out to prepare to introduce the Lord Jesus as the Savior they do not know personally. The people are kind to you as you stumble to communicate. Even with many mispronunciations, they do not laugh – at least not to your face. And you begin to love them... and dedicate yourself to preach and teach the Gospel. As they learn that you love them, they begin to love you, and listen to the message you proclaim. And little by little, Ministry happens.

Today the churches that we began in Manaus are faithful and busy. They are reaching their own people. We remember them. We pray for them. We are in contact with them on Facebook and WhatsApp. We get to see the church services and listen to them sing and celebrate many special occasions. We know that souls are being won to the lord, and lives have been and will be forever changed, and eternal life is theirs. What a joy in the journey we experienced.

So, as days of memories rise, we remember YOU, as through the years you prayed for us, financially supported us, and even still pray and support us in these our retirement years. We can't say THANK YOU enough. Keep on keeping on sharing the Gospel through missionaries you send.

Lovingly His, and Yours,

*The Temples*

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