



The HUGGINS FAMILY

Missionaries to BRAZIL

So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth;
but God that giveth the increase.

— I Corinthians 3:7



Dear friends and supporters,

mid-July - mid September 2026

When thinking back over the last several weeks, we are glad to testify to the oft-quoted truth of the verse in Nehemiah that "...the joy of the LORD is your strength." Certainly, there is no other work on earth that is as complicated and, at times, frustrating, but with joy in Who we serve, we are strengthened to do it. Since the last time we sent out our letter, we have had a break in furlough in July to take a trip back to Brazil to check up on our church and resolve our housing difficulty. Thankfully, as previously reported our church is doing well, and after most of our time spent this trip, our housing situation is now resolved.

Just in March we moved to keep our belongings in a small apartment during furlough but the owner of the apartment canceled our contract and wanted us to leave so he could sell it. Even though it was a lot of work and frustration to move everything again, the Lord blessed the process, and the brothers helped us move all our things into storage. After the negotiations, the owner paid us for the move and for a storage unit until we return from furlough. So, in the end, the Lord worked it out for good so that we do not have housing expenses in Brazil while we are on furlough. We appreciate your prayers for these things as we are reminded that even in bad situations, the Lord can turn them to our good!

The Lord not only changes challenges to benefits, but He also loads us with benefits in other ways. As mentioned in our last letter, I had the great privilege to preach at a couple of missions conferences in Australia by the invitation of Bro. Jason Young. Many of the brethren there are working together to make it possible to plant and establish several churches throughout Australia through Bro. Young's ministry. We had a good conference at one of these churches in Melbourne, where Bro. Timothy Miller is continuing through various challenges to pastor that church plant. It was also a blessing to visit with Bro. Kevin Beier in Queanbeyan, near the capital, and have a meeting in his church. It was encouraging to see his steady work and testimony through several serious trials.

During this trip, we learned many things that will help in our ministry in Brazil and also in our desire to plant churches there as the Lord allows. As well as the preaching opportunities, it was a privilege to get to paint an art piece for the background of the pulpit platform of Bro. Jason Young's Sydney church. **(Continue Page 2)**



~ THANKSGIVINGS ~

- Resolving our housing situation in Brazil
- The many blessings from the meetings in Australia
- God's blessing on our church while on furlough

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

- Continued blessings on the Aussie brethren & churches
- Scheduling, logistics & safety back on furlough in the USA
- Our mission report to the churches will bless & encourage

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Praise the Lord, and thanks to all those who prayed, the painting was ready to set in the background by the time we had to leave.

We really appreciate the hospitality, kindness, and examples in the Lord's work of faithful pastors and all the others working with them. They have certainly brought us forward in our journey for the Lord (3 John 1:6). It was a busy trip, but it was full of many good things that have made it the highlight of our year. May the Lord continue to raise up people to serve in the ministries, to spread the gospel, and to preach the truth throughout Australia.

In this life we say, hello, to old friends and see you later, to dear loved ones. In Australia it was a blessing at the missions conference in Sydney to get to see my best friend I had not seen in over 6 years, Bro. Joey Anderson, missionary in Papua New Guinea. It was good to reminisce about growing up together but also to hear about their determination to get the gospel in such a rugged and inhospitable place as PNG.

While enjoying that reunion we got the sad new that my aunt suddenly passed away from an aneurysm. We know she is now with the Lord in glory and we are thankful just before we left to Australia we got to spend some good quality time with her for an early celebration of our daughter's birthday. She was a sincere Christian and a great example to me going on mission trips in her 80's and the day she passed she was getting ready to go to her church to help with a mission program there. At 85 she still had the desire to spread the gospel through the world however she could and that is how I want to spend my golden years too, that I may finish my course with joy (Acts 20:24).

A few more good reports about our church back in Brazil, in July I did a marriage study for the couple that got married in August. The preachers and teachers were glad to volunteer for more and two other men in the church will be preaching for the first time in prayer meeting services while I am away. We have two families and a single brother finishing up on membership studies to join the church. Then a few weeks ago the brothers got together and scheduled an evangelism day on their own. This is the growth we hoped to have in the church and with growth, there are pains. An issue began as soon as we left for furlough in March where some people were missing several services due to division in the worship/music group. But thank the Lord we had few intense meetings together over a few days to discuss solutions, the brothers and sisters calmed and everyone had a better spirit, willing to work together. It reminds me that no matter how small or simple a group of believers are, the devil works to enter in and cause division and destruction. Thankfully the Lord was merciful and guarded His flock from the evil.

In closing, thank you all so much for your prayers for us on furlough and for our church while we are away. Please continue to pray and may the Lord bless you all in your part in reaching Brazil for Christ!

— Sincerely in Christ, the Huggins Family - Michael, Lydia, Elaina & Julia!

Reunion with friends in Australia

