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New Look for Newsletter - In this month's edition you will notice that our newsletter has had a complete makeover. We have taken on increased responsibilities as South America Director, which has resulted in increased content for our monthly letters. Please be patient with us as we "tweak" some things in the coming editions.

Missionary Candidate School - God is still sending laborers into His harvest! In June we received **57 new candidates** (one and two year) on the campus of BIMI, where we taught them for a week of classes to prepare them for the mission field. We rejoice that of the group there were **eight** new missionaries going to South America. Even so, "the harvest is (still) plenteous but the laborers are (still) few", which means there is still room for **YOU!**

Preaching in Guyana, SA - What a privilege to take the gospel to our South American neighbors. Recently, we traveled to **Guyana** with the Mariners, who are called to Suriname, the country next door. What a blessing to visit the ministry of **Noel and Charlene Shrivnauth!** God has used them in an amazing way during nearly thirty years of ministry. In the short time we were with them we saw eleven people trust Christ and two baptized. We told one of the missionaries that if God had not called us to Brazil, we would have begged Him to let us go to Guyana! **Nearly 30% Hindu, what a needy place!**

Camp Bimi Mission's Camp - Upon returning from Guyana, we jumped right into mission's camp, where we taught a week of classes to young people who are interested in missions. It was a blessing to see many young people who have a heart for God and desire to serve Him. We had a total of thirty eight campers. The camp is purposefully kept under forty so that we can spend more one on one time with each of the campers.

Emergency Medivac out of Colombia - While the pandemic seems to be subsiding in the US, in South America we are still battling it on all fronts, with hospitals overloaded. In June, Mark Gerosin, in Medellin, was hospitalized with severe coronavirus symptoms. After nearly a week awaiting a bed in the ICU, his situation deteriorated. That's when the decision was made to Medivac him to Florida for treatment. The doctors said, "had he continued another day in Colombia we possibly would have lost him". One reason **BIMI** exists is to save our missionaries as they seek to save the lost!

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New Missionaries to SA



Guyana & Suriname
Missionaries



Missions Camp



Medivac Mark!

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NEWS FROM BRAZIL



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Baptism of Paul



Dorcas Ladies!



Vacation Bible School!



Congrats!
Denis & Tamares

Baptizing New Believers - In the Book of Acts 14:22 reads; *“Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.* During the recent pandemic we have seen God working in hearts to bring people to Himself. Two years ago the Lord allowed me to lead Paulo to Christ. Due to various motives, Paulo never was willing to commit to baptism. However, with the recent pandemic, Paulo came to the realization of his need to get right with God. In Brazil, when someone is baptized, they are showing that they are *all in for God.* **(If you notice from the picture, Paulo did not even take off his Covid mask for baptism!)**

The Salt and Light Ministry - God has opened many doors during the pandemic. Our churches have been able to reach hundreds of families through our food distribution ministry, who otherwise would not have been as receptive to the gospel. Each month, our ladies from the Dorcas ministry will prepare food baskets to be distributed to families most vulnerable. The distribution coincides with an open air meeting/church service in the football field or park in front of our church. Each month there have been souls saved as a result of this compassionate outreach.

Winter Break In Brazil - As Americans are enjoying summer, in Sao Paulo we are experiencing winter, which means the schools let out for a month. This is a great opportunity for our churches to have *“Férias Fantásticas”* or VBS. This has been a very fruitful ministry in our churches in Brazil. This year, the blessing for us as missionaries is to see the people who were reached through VBS and disciplined, are now the ones who are organizing and executing the entire program. **That is Missions Full Circle!**

The Church Plant in Guacuri - God's way is perfect! This church was begun four years ago on the site of a former spiritist center. It has proven to be a true work of grace, as God has saved souls and restored one family after another. After just a year and a half, Stephanie and I were forced to leave the work in hands of the team who started with us. Though they felt insecure at the time, God has used them to raise up a solid work. Recently a couple, who was reached through the church, were married and accepted a position with BBN Christian Radio. Pray for Denis and Tamares!

Please pray as our Amazon Connect Med-Evangelism Trip will be leaving for the Amazon before you receive this letter. We will be leading this group to the far reaches of the Amazon jungle with a team of 45 (15 medical, 5 missionaries and 25 volunteers)

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