



The Pilgrim Holiness Church of NY, Inc.

MISSIONARY BULLETIN

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One often foolishly wishes for more daylight hours in the day. Late spring/summer time offers those in the northern hemisphere at least more hours of day light. This time of year brings with it warm days sandwiched between cool mornings and evenings. It is probable that such ideal climate was the norm for the Garden of Eden. Scripture states that God came in the cool of the day to talk with Adam and Eve. It is quite likely that God chose such a time and place to fellowship daily with them. Another day began to decline; the evening breeze rustled the leaves and God is in His place. Adam and Eve were missing!! Would you be there?

“Oh the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee my God, I commune as friend with friend.”
Fanny Crosby: “*I Am Thine O Lord*”

“There is a scene where spirits blend, where friend holds fellowship with friend.
Tho sundered far, by faith they meet, around the common mercy seat.”
Hugh Stowell: “*From Every Stormy Wind*”

That None Should Perish

Safe guards thus far in the Bulletin:

1. The will of God: Matthew 18:14.
2. The Message of the Cross: I Corinthians 1:18.
3. The Resurrection of Christ: I Corinthians 15:17-19.
4. Repentance with Godly sorrow: II Corinthians 7:10.

The fifth safe guard against perishing is the *believing heart* that has confessed the Lordship of Christ. Romans 10:9-10. That Christ died for me is a very sobering thought. That He took my place at Calvary, paid the penalty for my sin that fills my despairing heart with hope. That He came out of the tomb in a glorious resurrection, assures me that He can heal the brokenness and blindness of my life, making me a new creature in Christ.

The sixth safe guard against perishing is the *Glorious Light of the Gospel*. II Corinthians 4:3-6. The light of Christ exposes the blindness of the sinner. The Pharisees refused to admit their blindness, thus sealing their eternal banishment from the presence of God. “Christ came into this world that they which see not might see.” John 9:39. Admitting blindness and confessing one’s sinfulness are one and the same. Jesus went on to say, “I am come into the world....that they which see might be made blind.” Jesus said to the

Pharisees, “If ye were blind, ye should have no sin; but now ye say, ‘we see’: therefore your sin remaineth.” John 9:41. Again, yielding to the light of the Gospel is a sure safe guard against perishing. Praise the Lord!! Allowing the Gospel light to penetrate the darkened heart brings about a revelation of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. II Corinthians 4:6.

News from the Field

Haiti: In a recent conversation with Bro. Don Mobley, he said the plan is for him to return to Haiti on the 5th of June. There has been no news coming from the Leadership team at this time. It can reasonably be assumed that all is going well with our churches. Bro. Mobley will update us when he has had opportunity to talk with the Leadership Team.

Brazil: Bro. and Sr. Mills have sent out their current newsletter to their partners in missionary labors. In it they share the details of God’s providential guidance towards the new ministry to be developed in Manacaparu. Those who receive it through the mail may not have this newsletter as yet. The property has been purchased and all the paper work has been completed that establishes legal claim to the land. In their own words they share how the Lord sealed it to their hearts that this move was His will.

We know that this decision will be life changing for our family and so we wanted to be sure that it was God’s perfect will. While Stephen was feeling clear that God was leading us this way, he knew that in the difficult days to come that he and Kezia would both need a clear confirmation of God’s will. As Kezia was hanging out the laundry one morning, she prayed a simple prayer to God: *“God, I know that my faith is so small, but I need a sign from you. If it is you will for us to move to Manacaparu would you please allow Sophia’s adoption to be finalized this week?”*

Less than two hours after that simple prayer was prayed, Stephen received the notice from our lawyer that the adoption for Sophia Grace Mills had been finalized! God is so faithful and always right on time! It is always an adventure and true joy to follow Him wherever He leads.

We are so thankful for the Pilgrim Holiness Church of NY council that not only gave the Brazilian church their blessing to purchase this property, but have also released us from living here in Manaus to follow God’s will in this new region of the Amazon. If all things go as plan, we will be making this move in the first week of July.

We covet your prayers in the days ahead as we make this big transition. This will bring many changes for our family as we move away from the conveniences of a big city into a more remote setting of the Amazon. As you can imagine there are many details that need to be worked out yet and we need an outpouring of God’s wisdom! Please pray earnestly for the Brazilian pastors and leaders because this transition will bring many changes and new responsibilities for them as well. The days ahead will be full as we endeavor to begin this new ministry while continuing with our teaching responsibilities and spiritual

leadership here in Manaus. We are confident that our God who has lead us this far will continue to guide us each step of the way.

Some statistics of the new property are noted here:

- **Size:** a little over 19 acres. Only 2.5 acres have been cleared and the rest is jungle.
- ☒ **Location:** 60 miles southwest from Manaus.
- ☒ Access to the property is only by boat.

Please keep Bro. and Sr. Mills in your prayers. They face a number of decisions related to this new ministry and they need God's direction. Thank you for praying.

Looking unto Jesus,

Rev. Ken Sickler
Conference Missionary Secretary



Our New Home at Manacaparu



Sophia coloring on the front porch



Children's ministry on Saturday AM

