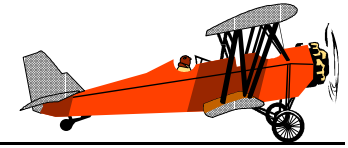


News from the Ends of the Earth

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. (Isaiah 40:28)



News from the Amazon Rainforest - Spring 2001, Issue #18

Coming and Going in Brazil

When I first read the letter I was in shock. It couldn't be! The Smith's were leaving Brazil with no plan to return. They're our colleagues, our closest friends. How will we manage without Kevin's experience and passion to see churches planted in Brazil? (picture of Kevin in action →)



Reeling from the news, a silent cry of distress went up to the Lord, "What will we do?" As I was silent before the Lord, my first thought was, "Lord, you must want us to rely even more on the Brazilians". We believe that this aspect of the work will be an important part of the future of the Wesleyan Church in Brazil.

Kevin and Cindy Smith are coming home this summer for their regular furlough time with no plans to return to Brazil. Kevin will be

furthering his education and taking a church. Please pray for them as they make this transition and look for a church to pastor.

One of the consequences of this change will be a change in our personal ministry focus. Kevin Smith mission director for the Wesleyan Church in Brazil. As of June 1st I will become the new mission director.

We are not sure exactly what this will mean for us and our ministry, but trust that the Lord will guide us every step of the way. Our gifts and talents will be challenged to the limit. We covet your prayers in our behalf as we work through this change in our assignment in Brazil. We praise the Lord for Doug and Cathy Walborn who will share the workload with us in Manaus. Doug has been teaching at the Bible College as well as giving leadership in the district.

Also with a note of praise, we would like to announce that there is a new missionary couple that will be coming to Brazil - Jim and Sandi Todd. They were commissioned in April and will leave for Brazil after they raise their support. They have four beautiful children: Stephanie, Ellie, Chelsea and Sam.

Pray with us as the missionary team in Brazil changes and we meet the challenges of a vibrant and growing national church.

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CULTURE QUIZ

What about the missionaries of Brazil? Choose the correct answer.

1. Missionaries have been in Brazil for: A - 42 years, B - 35 years, C - 25 years or D - 18 years.
 2. How many career missionaries has there been in Brazil? A - 7, B - 8, C - 9 or D - 10
 3. Who were the first missionaries that went to Brazil? A - the Downeys, B - the Phillippes, or C - the Picketts
 4. Which missionaries stayed the longest in Brazil? A - The Downeys, B - the Phillippes, C - the Picketts, or D - the Ashlocks
 5. In which city did the Brazil work begin? A - Fortaleza, B - São Paulo, C - Recife, or D - Manaus
- 1. A , 2. D (Downeys, Phillippes, Lindners, Picketts, Fishers, Ashlocks, Enszes, Smiths, Bennets, and Walborns), 3. A, 4. B, and 5. D - Manaus (missionaries coming down from Surinam/Guyana into Brazil)*

Calendar of Events

June: Finish Visiting Churches

Early July: Leave for Brazil

August 13th: 2nd Semester Begins at Bible College

October: 5th Latin American Missions Conf in Manaus