



The Pilgrim Holiness Church of NY, Inc.

MISSIONARY BULLETIN

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Happy New Year's Greetings to All,

A common New Year's greeting invokes the presence of God and His blessing and prosperity throughout the coming year. Every moment lived in God's presence is marked with peace and joy. Psalms 16:11 establishes this truth, and provides an excellent theme verse for 2018, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Uzziah, at whose death Isaiah received his great missionary call (Isaiah 6:1), reigned over Judah for 52 years. He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. He sought God all the days of Zechariah. He wanted God's presence in Jerusalem. The Scripture goes on to say, "As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper."

The Children of Israel had previously sinned at Mt. Sinai. The golden calf became a snare to this chosen nation. Only through the intercession of Moses did God spare this rebellious people, Exodus 32:31-32. Listen to this humbled Man of God plead for his people. "If thy presence go not (with me), carry us not up hence," Exodus 33:15. Moses was not willing to go another step until he had the promise of God's presence.

There is a missionary hymn that illustrates this truth. C. Austin Miles is the author and composer of the hymn "If Jesus Goes with Me." Miles is best known for the hymn "In the Garden." Both of these hymns focus on the beauty and blessing of God's presence. Who knows what is in store for the year ahead: There will be valleys and peaks; days dark or fair; if Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere. The fourth verse is a real challenge to live.

Verse: It is not mine to question judgments of my Lord;
 It is but mine to follow the leadings of His Word;
 But if to go or stay, or whether here or there,
 I'll be, with my Savior, Content anywhere.

Chorus: If Jesus goes with me, I'll go...Anywhere!
 'Tis heaven to me, where're I may be, If He is there!
 I count it a privilege here, His cross to bear;
 If Jesus goes with me, I'll go...Anywhere!

News from the Field

Haiti: The picture accompanying this bulletin was taken at the quarterly pastor's meeting held December 9, 2017, at Saut d'Eau. Available funds did not allow more than a one day conference. The training sessions have been rescheduled for the quarterly convention to be held in March.

Bro. Don Mobley has planned a weekend meeting at the Moliere Church for the second week of January. This provides an opportunity for any in the Saut d'Eau area to participate in evangelistic services. Bro. Mobley should be ministering at Moliere around the time this bulletin is read by the local missionary presidents. Please pray for God's anointing and spiritual victory.

Don Mobley reports that Robens Desil returns to his studies at Carrefour in mid January. Robens plans to complete his studies by May. Pray that the leadership team will locate some young men whom God is calling into the harvest.

The next Conference visit is scheduled for March 20-16, 2018. May the Lord give direction and wisdom to the Council during the planning stage of this trip.

Brazil: December is registration time for the Toyota. The government now requires any vehicle older than 15 years to undergo an extensive inspection before it can be registered. Bro. Steve Mills anticipated replacing tires on this vehicle but not so soon!! Other minor issues also needed attention.

The youth from all the churches put on a Christmas program December 9th at the City of God church. The program was put together in large part by these young people. The Lord has blessed our Brazilian churches with a fine group of young people that work together and are a spiritual asset to their congregations.

Bro. and Sr. Mills and Sophia visited the Rio Salimoes church for a Christmas service and fellowship time at the parsonage. Bro. Mills concluded his ministries focus at Rio Salimoes on Sunday, December 31st.

Our missionary family is looking forward to entertaining Steve's mom and dad, Rev. and Mrs. Gary Mills, for the first ten days of January. What a great way to begin the New Year! Getting acquainted with Sophia will no doubt be a highlight of their visit.

Two ministry events follow on the heels of this visit from the States. The annual Youth Convention is scheduled for January 15-17. Saturday, January 20th is their second annual General Conference. All elected officers serve for two years, so there will not be any voting this year. Please pray for the Youth Convention and General Conference that the Lord sends a mighty visitation of the Holy Spirit among the youth and adults.

The following is parts of an email sent by Steve and Kezia.

Nova Floresta had a Sunday School Christmas program on the 17th in their evening service. Their SS is experiencing growing pains. They had 20 kids that morning. The exciting part is that the church was full the night of the program with parents of the students.Â

Rio Solimoes had a Sunday School Christmas program as well. Kezia also used it as a time to present to the parents what they have learned in Sunday School the past 9 weeks. They have studied the Fruit of the

Spirit. 3 of the students were able to say all the scripture verses from the series. The students did kind of a victory grove VBS presentation for the parents. The church was full with visitors.

The youth put on a program this year. They presented the story The Cobbler and His Guest. They did a good job. There also was a readers theater presentation by the host church, City of God. There were about 80 present in that Rally Service.

Also I attached a few Christmas pictures from us. Sophia wasn't interested in picture taking this year so we don't have many and maybe not one where she is smiling. She has made close friends with Kenny and Susanna from the Rio Solimoes church. They do so good with her and we are going to miss seeing them as much. We have had a good time with the Rio Solimoes congregation these past 3 months.Â

Please let every one know that we wish them a Merry Christmas and a Christ filled New Year.

Winnipeg: Rev. Dale Sherman reports that the Kurtens have settled in for the long, cold, and snowy Canadian winter. Bro. and Sr. Kurten hold Sunday services for those desiring to worship with them. Keeping the doors open provide Christian fellowship, and offers the message of hope and deliverance to the needy in the community around the church. Let's keep the Kurtens in our prayers throughout the months ahead.

Anticipating a great year in the Lord,

Rev. Ken Sickler
Conference Missionary Secretary



Pastors' Quarterly Meeting in Saut d'Eau on December 9, 2017



Rio Solimoes Sunday school Christmas Program



Sophia



Youth group: "The Cobbler and His Guest" at City of God



Nova Floresta Christmas program