

Dear Friends at Hill Street,

September is here and its time to send some news to you.

1. Looking back...

Praise the Lord for...

- better sales during August than in July. During August over 3,600 books were sold.
- renewed strength to prepare 5 new titles and 1 reprint – 4 are with the printer; 2 have been delivered.
- a knowledgeable, generous repairman who cleaned a dirty contact on the washer and soon had it in working condition with no charge!
- the promise of teaching positions for both Tommy and Sharon in their respective departments in the new year. These will help make up for the lack of scholarship funding this semester.

A sad day of rejoicing

For the past 6 weeks we were accompanying the “recovery” of a Wycliffe missionary who had come to São Paulo for serious heart surgery. There were many ups and downs during those weeks, but on Friday (8th) the Lord called her Home. She had been in Brazil for over 46 years in translation work. She and her co-worker had translated the New Testament into an Indian language and were working on portions of the Old Testament, plus helpful literacy material for the Indians. She was buried in the same cemetery as Ayrton Senna, the famous Brazilian racecar driver. At the graveside the Wycliffe leader reminded us that thousands attended Ayrton’s burial acclaiming his success. Whereas only 6 of us were at our friend’s graveside, thanking God for a faithful, dedicated life, the results of which will be acclaimed throughout eternity.

2. Looking forward...

Next Saturday (16th), we plan to attend the wedding of Jacqueline Walkey, the daughter of Jack and Thereza, our friends and colleagues from Amazonas days. Jack has not been well, please join us as we pray that he will be able to perform his responsibility as a father and give her away.

The following week-end (22/23rd) we expect a visit from a new UFM couple, presently in language school in a nearby city. They anticipate a literature ministry in the interior of Amazonas. Pray for a good contact, as we compare goals and seek to encourage one another.

October 2 to 6 is the FIEL conference, where over 1,000 pastors, Christian workers and wives will come together to sit under the ministry of godly men. A big attraction for many is the bookshop, where good books from evangelical publishers (ourselves included) will be available. Pray for the Lord to bless, encourage and challenge each one by the spoken and written word.

Ever grateful for your faithful remembrance.

Mary (for the Barkleys)
