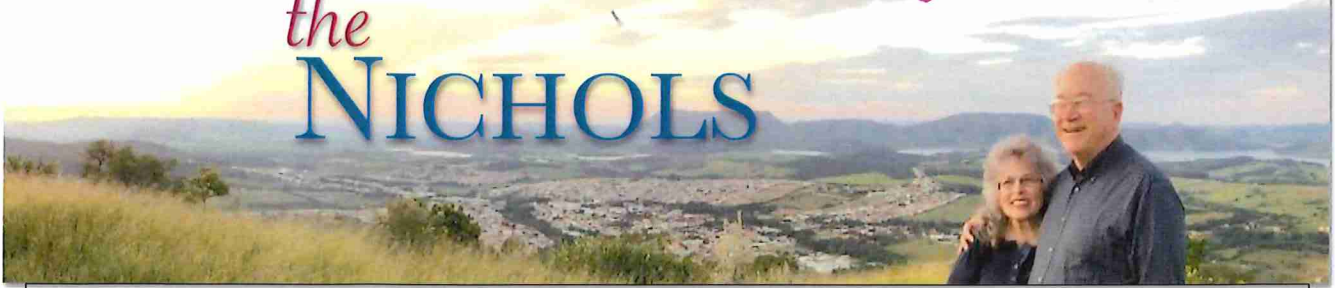
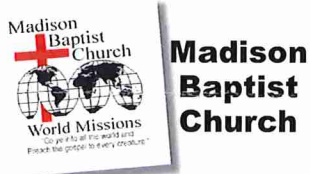


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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

My heart is full of gratitude to each of you for your faithful prayer and financial support given to us over the last 40 years. It was my privilege to walk beside one of God's greatest servants in the country of Brazil. On Valentine's Day this year, my beloved husband, Bob Nichols, sr. went home to meet the ONE whom he had loved and served faithfully for so many years. He had successfully come through a vascular surgery the afternoon of February 13, but a few hours later a blood clot caused his body to start shutting down. Early on February 14, my beloved's earthly heart could take no more and he entered into heaven's rest forevermore. His body was laid to rest in Formiga, MG the next morning. As is customary in Brazil, a wake was held the night before his burial in Formiga with several hundred people coming to grieve and express their condolences. The gospel was given several times that night, and 3 people were saved. A week later, a male nurse that had cared for my husband, visited the church in Carmo and also trusted Christ as Savior.

During the last week of Bob's life, our son, Charles asked his dad what has made him the happiest through all the years in Brazil. He responded, "to see one more soul come to Christ."

Shortly before my husband went to be with the Lord, he was preparing to write his next prayer letter and was excited to share the following news with you. Thiago lori, whose parents were teenagers when we started the church in Ribeirão Preto in 1987, was recently ordained into the gospel ministry. The first church we started has gone on to established another church in a different subdivision. Also, one of our churches in Formiga is restarting the work that had been in Arcos.

I returned to America for my husband's memorial service at Madison Baptist Church on March 2. At this service, God touched at least 4 souls about serving the Lord in missions, for which I am grateful.

Before I return to Brazil, I will be taking a few weeks to visit family and regroup. Please remember me in your prayers as I begin a new phase in life and ministry. I need God's direction and desire to do His will. God bless you all.

Naomi Nichols

