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Wings of Mercy



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*Christmas for me was over after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Although our life with Christ goes on and gets stronger and sweeter with each passing day, I was ready to take down the decorations, put away the Christmas music and have the dog get a long overdue haircut. I am so content with God's goodness in all things, but was for some reason a little disappointed that my Christmas wish did not come true. I really don't know why, but I had such a desire to see Joshua and Julie this Christmas even though it seemed so impossible. After all, we will be going on furlough to the USA in April.*



*It's so awesome that God knows our deepest longings. The New Year started out with a surprise visit from our daughter Julie! She drove to FL with her college friend over the holidays and friends from Manaus gave her a ticket to spend 5 days with us in January! (All the flights were super booked already.) We had such a tremendous time sharing and spending time*

*together. She was having a lot of trouble with her wisdom tooth and we were able to take her in (much cheaper here) and have the remaining three removed. It was an intense*



*week, I baked like a storm the first morning (all our Christmas goodies were already gone), made another Christmas dinner to celebrate the second day and that afternoon she had her teeth pulled. For the rest of her stay, we just enjoyed having her here, loving her and being by her side! It was so hard for all of us to say good-bye, (especially Julie), but we praise God for this incredible surprise and for our awesome time together!*



*We are still incredibly "homesick" to see Joshua. While Julie was here we all called Joshua to wish him a happy birthday (22 now). He was excited to tell us of his wonderful three hour review at his job at the hotel and his new promotion--weekend supervisor over all the employees who work at the front desk. The best part is it is basically the same as what he does now, it does not interfere with church and he gets paid a good amount more. He has learned first hand that when we are faithful, honest and do our best, God blesses. Joshua is a hard worker, very responsible and loves to go the extra mile.*

*The end of January, Wilson and I celebrated our 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Wilson was so busy flying and I was so busy catching up on correspondence, working on furlough materials, etc. that this is the first year we both completely forgot until I had to look at the calendar to schedule something! I sure hope this*

*is not a bad sign! I KNOW we won't forget next year J! It was fun to go out to pizza with a visiting missionary family.*

*There are clinic trips and mission teams scheduled for February, so please continue to pray with us that God will prepare our hearts and those in the river villages so His Word will make an impact on their lives! One more church will be planted and built and for this we Praise the Lord.*

*We trust God will richly bless you in 2008, keep you close to Him and not only meet your needs, but give you the desires of your hearts!*

*Love and Hugs from Brazil,*

*Lori and Wilson*

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