



Asas de Socorro

(Wing of Help)

Giving wings to those who give their lives



April 2009 Update

Greetings from the Amazon! March was a busy month for us, but God has given us so many tremendous blessings.

Julie is now officially 21! Thank you all so much for remembering her special day. She received over 127 messages on face book along with text messages and phone calls. Her Aunt Patty and Uncle Ken made her breakfast in bed and a birthday dinner complete with Brazilian barbecue and pudim dessert!! She also had a great time with friends at work.

Jessica is constantly studying and preparing to take a state test the school administers to nursing students in April. Please pray that God will give her victory! Her classes are great and her grades excellent. She is looking forward to her 18th birthday April 20th and getting her driver's license in May.

Joshua has been very busy this last month. Besides his classes and homework, he spent two weeks teaching children to swim and worked a 40 hour work week on campus during their NAIA Basketball Championships. He was thrilled to receive a promotion to be a supervisor of the front desk at the hotel and a raise in salary. He loves what he does and works hard at it!! Joshua spends what little time he has left with a very special friend and a beautiful girl -Leigh Ann. They have been dating a couple of years now. She has a double major in math and administration and a deep love for the Lord.

The first two weeks of March a mission team from Riverside Church and Pastor Jim from Richwoods Church in IL arrived (13 in all). They painted a church inside and out in a very poor area in town. As we were beginning to paint together with a few Brazilians from the church, a man walked in. He was very dirty, smelly and poor. He could not understand how white skinned people and dark skinned people could work alongside each other with so much joy and harmony. He said as he was passing the church he felt a peace, a light and wanted whatever it was that we had. Wilson and the pastor of the church shared with FM (his nickname) and found out that he is an alcoholic, a drug dealer and was very aware of his bad smell and dirty body. This man received the love of God that day, at one point we all stopped what we were doing and prayed with FM. He chose to trust in Christ as his Lord and Savior! The men went to his house (a very dangerous area) to pray



over his family and his house trusting God to release any bondage from his past. After we had painted the church and visited and prayed with several others in their homes, we held a rededication of the church. Who should show up but FM, praising God for the healing that has already begun! FM will need your prayers to overcome temptations, find new friends and the power to seek after God and grow in his faith.

A few days later, we headed out by boat to a river village called Novo São Maria to build a church for Pastor Jander and evangelize the river village. As it turned out we were able to minister to four villages,

three of which had never had the Gospel preached in their village! It was an intensive time, and in one village the oppression from the enemy was something everyone felt in a tangible way (no smiling faces, the men did not accompany their wives, the atmosphere was heavy and oppressive and it was a VERY dirty village). What an awesome privilege to make God's name known for the first time there, bring them hope and show them His love!

In between teams I went to the specialist about my arm. God definitely works in mysterious ways! My arm was beginning to atrophy, movement was very limited, and I was in a lot of pain. Right after I had an MRI and was ready to schedule surgery, I had a terrible fall at home. God used that fall to rupture the bursa in my shoulder (or sac where there was liquid and calcifications). I did have to fix a tooth I broke, but my shoulder is healed and feels better than it has in years! There is no pain and most of the movement is back. Thank you all so much for your prayers. I am praising God every day for His tremendous healing.

Before the second mission team arrived, we had mission meetings and spent the rest of the week equipping the Wings of Help/OA mission boat for our first trip delivering water filters. God blessed us all with a special donation from Richwoods church to help equip the boat and cover some of the expenses of this trip. The second mission team from IL (4 men) ministered together with us, along with several of our mission staff the third week of March. Water filters were installed in six strategic villages. (We are delivering the cement filters that we made originally as a result of your donations until the plastic ones are released from storage.) What a joy to bring clean water to needy villages and tell them how God can cleanse their lives through Jesus Christ! In the near future we hope to have two trips a month for a week to two weeks delivering filters and using this tool to spread the Gospel to unreached river villages. We built a church for Pastor Domingos in a village called Mt. Horeb and dedicated it on the last day, ministered in schools morning noon and night through Bible times and dental hygiene (fluoride treatments were given also) and did personal evangelism.



Dirty water in at the top . . . clean water out the side spout!

One of our staff went on this trip with a personal goal to share Christ with someone using the four spiritual laws. It was Lenir's first boat trip, and she was so excited to be ministering in the schools and helping us with the dental hygiene, but she felt there was still something missing. At the last school Lenir began talking to a woman named Marta who shared that she was having some very difficult problems. Marta expressed a real desire to learn more about God, so Lenir began sharing the Gospel with her using the four spiritual laws. This woman prayed and gave her life to Christ. Then she told her story. Just that morning she had decided to go back to Manaus and divorce her husband. Now she wants to trust God to show her how to love him and make things right!! We were a small team on a small boat, but we know that in God's hands, He can take those small sparks, help them grow and multiply all that was done to spread His light throughout the Amazon!!

The end of April and beginning of May, Wilson and I will fly to south Brazil for meetings with some Americans about strategies, mission board meetings (annual) and a short visit with his family. We did not have our "pre-furlough" evaluation and meetings with trained staff before going to the USA, so we are scheduled to do that during our time there also.

We continue to praise God for each of you, for your love and prayers and for your dedication and partnership with us and the ministries of Asas de Socorro. May God bless you and continue to uphold you each and every day!

God Bless,
Wilson and Lori

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team loading the Asas/Operation Amazon boat that carries the teams, water filters, etc., to the villages

visiting and praying for a sick mom





Lori translating the Bible message in a village



baptizing a team member



presenting Bibles



sharing the gospel in a river village