



# *Asas de Socorro*

(Wing of Help)

*Giving wings to those who give their lives*



*February 2009 Update*

*Hi Everyone!*

*It's a sunny day, one of the first in a long time after days of cloudy skies and rain. I know, it's the Amazon, what can you expect in rainy season! This has been one of the worst.*

*So many of you wrote, send lovely cards and even a couple of packages over the holidays. We did get every one, but since Wilson was not on vacation and flew almost daily and our mail is out at the hangar, we did not get much of our mail until the middle of January. Wow, it was like Christmas all over again...even better! Thank you for thinking of us, for loving us and praying for us. I am still working on getting back to some of you so please be patient.*

*Our mission activities began in full in January with meetings, clinic flights, etc. Mission teams start arriving the end of February. I am preparing to teach two seminars for parents at a church that is from PEACE mission on the importance of involving our kids in church activities. I will also be emphasizing the responsibility God has given parents to teach, discipline, disciple and be an example to our children. Please pray that God will speak through His Word and through these seminars to help parents carry out the commands God has given them and help children keep the faith and grow in God's grace.*

*Once a year I need to do medical exams because of pre-existing problems. I am doing great in all areas except my arms. I have gone to several doctors a neurosurgeon, etc., and for a while it did not seem like I was getting anywhere. With health plans here, the order of the day is to order medicine and a little bit of therapy to reduce the pain or discomfort and then send you home and tell you everything is OK. I have battled with bursitis and inflammation for years and although the pain has gone away some, the movement in my left shoulder joint especially has become more and more limited (even with stretching exercises, etc., every day).*

*This is what I know so far. I have inflammation, but it's getting better. I have pain, but mostly when I move my arm. There is calcification in the joint, and I have greatly reduced movement of my arm because of it. I know I have bone spurs in my neck and two discs that are reduced, but that is not what is causing the major problem in my shoulder/arm. I have had x-rays, spinal cord magnetic x-rays?, have seen a neurosurgeon and after all this, the health plan is only now suggesting I see their specialist (until now, I could not get anyone to even tell me if they had one, or who he is).*

*The surgeon and one orthopedic doctor last week said I could do all the therapy in the world, etc., and wouldn't get any better now. They told me the muscle in that arm has begun to atrophy (it's thinner) and, if I don't do something soon, I will lose complete use of my left arm. Then they said that they only know of two doctors they would trust here in town who can do this surgery (less invasive, where they make two small holes in the joint and clean out the "debris" around the joint). The doctors they are recommending are not part of our health plan which means we would have to come up with the funds for the whole surgery.*

*This week, I have one more exam to do and also a visit to the "specialist." Please pray that God will direct us, give us peace and show us what he wants us to do. To me this is all very confusing. I do know that I do NOT want to lose the use of my arm!*

*We have a mission team from Riverside Community Church in Peoria, IL coming down the 26th of February and we will be ministering to a river community and constructing another church. Pray that God will prepare the heart of the team members and also the villagers so they will be receptive to God's Word!*

*I saved the best news for last. January 21st, Wilson and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary! Wilson planned an awesome surprise for a day; I prepared a special poem for him (in Portuguese), and we both had the privilege of exchanging wedding rings and making a declaration of our love for each other in front of our whole mission family. They surprised us with a beautiful wooden box with a silver frame on the top that displays a black and white picture of the both of us. Family and friends sent their congratulations and our kids sent their love and special messages, too. What a blessing it is to be united before the Lord for 25 years and to serve God together here in the Amazon. (Want to know more? Look for our March prayer letter!)*

*We want to thank you for making this journey with us (many since I was little and from the time we married), for upholding us with your prayers, for "being there" in the good times and bad, for loving us and for ministering together with us these past 25 years. Sooooo, A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to YOU too!!*

*We love you and miss you,*

*Lori and Wilson*

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