



Asas de Socorro

(Wing of Help)



Giving wings to those who give their lives

July Update

Greetings from the Amazon Rain Forest!

God gave us the blessing of allowing us to see our kids and family in May for a short visit. We had the special privilege of attending Aaron and Lydia's wedding (my nephew)! What a beautiful wedding. It was outside, facing the Colorado mountains and Pike's peak and we not only got to meet Lydia's wonderful family, but spent time with almost our entire family. Our kids were all there along with Joshua's girlfriend, Leigh Ann. It was awesome to visit Richwoods church during our time in IL and share about the ministries of Asas de Socorro and the Water Filter Project. They are sending a team of leaders for a Vision Trip in July.

We have so much to be thankful for and praise God for!! Jessica was accepted to continue the nursing program at College of the Ozarks. At an awards ceremony she received funds to help with books and also a money gift for doing a great job at the cafeteria during the year. She was accepted to the school's summer work program and is working at the Mill weaving placemats, making jewelry and other crafts to sell. She also has a job off campus as a server at a local restaurant. Julie is looking for an apartment for this next school year and thoroughly loves her job transporting patients at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. She will start her 3rd year of nursing in the fall. Joshua is working full time at the Hilton all summer and is enjoying the challenges of his new position as supervisor.

We flew back to Manaus together with the mission team from Woodridge Church. We arrived midnight the 27th and early the 28th Wilson went to the bank to get funds for the team and for a few of our personal needs. Two men on motorcycles followed him from there to the air club where they assaulted him at gunpoint taking all the money he withdrew, car keys, house keys and Wilson's wallet including credit cards, all his pilot/mechanic licenses, etc. We praise God that this is all they took and no one got hurt. God has already replaced the lost funds through the love and generosity of the team, but even if He hadn't, He is still the same awesome, good, loving God. Wilson will have a huge, time-consuming job ordering new documents.

Shortly after the robbery, Wilson's secretary, a wonderful Christian gal who is a newlywed called him to say that a bus smashed into the back of her car. We are confident that God allows all things for His honor and glory and is in control of each detail of our lives. Why he allows things like this, sickness and other hardships we may never know, but He holds our future in the palm of His hands and we can fully trust Him to do what is best! Please pray with us that God will put protection over us and our mission team. Pray that God will help us to look to Him always, during the victories but also during the difficult times.

There were 14 members in the mission team from Woodridge Church, WI. Four of them slept upstairs with us and the other 10 had rooms in our hospitality apartment called the NEST. What an exciting, busy 10 days! They started off by bagging and sorting through the things they brought to give away, shopping for the boat trip, painting a church here in town in a very poor area and then off to a river village in Rio Preto da Erva to help Pr. Domingos build another church in his area. It has been such a blessing to be able to use our mission boat for these trips! We worked in a two river villages sharing the Gospel door to door, teaching Bible lessons in the local school, giving fluoride treatments to over 152 of the smaller children, delivering 23 water filters, etc. This time it was a joy to hand out Bibles to everyone and also children's Bibles (cartoon style) as well as Sunday School Visuals, all donated by churches and Christian organizations.

The persecution that began when we arrived in Manaus continued throughout the next several days. One team member had a cross necklace ripped of her neck downtown. We watched her most cherished Bible fly off the bench of the boat and sink into the depths of the river. It rained and poured everywhere we went and the van that took us to mission hangar where the boat is almost rolled over as we tried to climb



the muddy, slippery hill. The village pastor had his share as well. A lady from the village donated the land to build the church. The pastor was getting ready to clear the land and bring the supplies in when the villagers told him they would not allow him to build. He prayed and fasted and then decided to go door to door and talk to each family. Only one family was against it. This was Sunday. We arrived on Monday. The plot was still smoldering after burning the vegetation. This meant that the team would literally start the church from ground zero.



God is all-knowing and all-powerful. Although Satan did his best to keep us from ministering, the church from being built and the Gospel from being preached, God had this all laid out beforehand for His honor and glory. The village leader (who does not live anywhere near the village) called to order us to stop building. The next day he came to the village with a committee of men and ordered the work to stop. The team prayed, and Wilson shared with those men for one hour, letting them know we were there to help and to serve. He shared that we were delivering water filters, giving fluoride treatments, bringing clothes and flip flops and that the families in the village wanted the church. After all that, everyone voted to continue the work, including the leader. One lady (Christian) donated filters to three families in the village. (They don't buy the filter but help with gas for transportation.) God used this woman in a mighty way. Later we found out that the three families who received those filters were three of the ones who were promoting most of the persecution and confusion.

It continues to rain and pour...days and months of it. The river is higher than ever before and still rising. It looks at times as if the boats down at the riverfront will come right onto the streets! Many villages are completely flooded and under water and the river people are being forced to evacuate because they are no longer able to raise the floors of their homes any higher. The homes of insects and snakes, etc. are flooding and they are finding their way into people's houses along the river. Food is scarce since so much of the jungle is under water and unreachable. Our mission

and our church along with others organizations are partnering in a joint effort (SOS Flood Victims) to distribute basic food packages to families all throughout the Amazon. Please pray with us for these families and for their needs. Asas de Socorro is having more clinic flights than ever seeking to keep disease and viruses from spreading (four clinics in the next four weeks). The rains began two months early this year, and we don't know when they will slow down.

June 19th-26th, another mission team from Bloomington, IL will be here and we will be travelling 19 hours to another very needy river village. The rivers are full; there is more debris. We will need to travel by day.

Pray for God to continue to uphold us and the team and to prepare the way for us to share the Gospel where ever we go.

We praise God for you! We need you!! God uses you to PRAY and there is so much to pray about...protection, provision, persecution, praise... Thank you for your prayers!!!

God continues to answer your prayers and we want you to praise Him and rejoice with us. We just got word that the water filters are now released from storage. They wanted to charge us \$20,000.00, but God used a man under the governor to release them free of charge. We just need to have them delivered now out to the lake where the hangar is.

*Love and Hugs,
Lori and Wilson*



Before she lost her computer, Lori sent this additional paragraph.

Wilson just got back from a 5-day clinic flight. The team ministered in four villages, very far away and simple. In all four villages several people gave their lives to Christ! One woman asked Wilson to baptize her, and he had the privilege of giving the Lord's Supper in another village. It was an awesome time meeting spiritual needs but also sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ!! Nine years ago there was no church along the Unini River and now there are five churches.

She also asked that I pass along this website and said:

Here is a website that shows the results of the flooding and what our mission is doing in partnership with other missions to help the flood victims. We are doing work from Manaus also, but this clip from our mission base in Santaém is very well done.

<http://www.projectamazon.org/>

Look this up and see what is happening here. The river continues to rise and the boats downtown are almost on the streets! If it keeps going up our downtown area will be flooded also. We do have several areas in town that are flooded.

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