



## Asas de Socorro

Reaching, Assisting and Transforming Lives Through Aviation and Social Development

"For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness", who has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."  
2 Corinthians 4:6



*Greetings from the Amazon!*



*Just recently, Wilson flew a clinic trip to the Unini River. Asas de Socorro began ministering to this area around ten years ago. There were no churches back then and spiritism was wide spread. Along this river, villages are very isolated and the people are poor and needy. Clinic trips to this area are the most difficult ones we have. The distances are great, the river banks are steep making it difficult to haul medical and dental equipment up to the villages, sleeping conditions are poor and spiritual oppression is still great.*

*This trip was no exception. A torrential rain on two of the nights drenched Wilson's hammock along with a few others. Wilson stepped on a couple of boards that were rotten, fell through and got a large bruise on his leg; and the other pilot sprained his ankle. The team did medical and dental consultations throughout the day and spent a lot of time evangelizing and sharing God's love. This clinic trip was four days. The team ministered in four villages and held several services. We praise God that seven people gave their lives to Christ, four were baptized, and the team held communion in three of the villages.*



*A woman in one of the villages expressed a desire to give her life to Christ. Wilson went with the pastor to her home and began praying for her. She was having a real struggle against the powers of darkness. When they asked her to say that she belonged to Christ, she was unable to do so. After a time of prayer and calling out to God to reveal His power and His presence in her life, she was released from this bondage and gave her life to Christ! She was among the first to go forward in the church service and later be baptized.*



*A man in another village was bitten by a snake. His arm began to rot so he went to town by canoe and asked for a pastor to pray for him. (Many of the unsaved here resort to the "spiritual" in emergencies like the Indians in tribes that seek out witch doctors.) A Christian nurse was there, and she offered to pray for him. His arm improved, so he returned to the village, but his hand was still bad and oozing. The mission team prayed*

*for him gave him medication; and, right there in a village full of oppression and sexuality, he became the first believer in that village! The team held the first Bible study in his home.*

*How is this all possible? It is only possible through the grace of God and through your partnership, prayers and support. Along the Unini River there are now four churches with a wonderful pastor and church leaders! It is awesome to see God working in the lives of those who have been held in bondage for so long, who have no hope, no real joy and to watch them experience new life in Christ and the eternal hope and purpose that God gives!*

*All the ministry trips we do are in partnership with local churches. The pastor that accompanied this clinic trip told Wilson that, when his church uses their boat and ministers in this same area, it costs them \$14,000.00 per trip. Asas de Socorro is a non-profit organization and we are able to get many medicines from the government. One of our planes is part of an air taxi, so we are also able to partially subsidize trips like this. This particular clinic trip cost the church \$2,200.00 and it was all done by plane, so they had much more time to treat the people and minister to them spiritually! God works in amazing ways!!*

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct your paths...” Proverbs 3:5,6*

*Wilson and I are facing major changes. We are sorry if some of you did not receive our October Update where we asked for prayer about a possible move. Wilson and I made a trip to mission headquarters the beginning of October. Through much prayer and soul searching, God has led us to accept the proposal of our mission to move to Santaém, Pará. Since we receive several American mission teams in Manaus each year, our kids spent most of their growing up years here, and God allowed us to help established this flight base and run it for the past sixteen years. This news came as a real surprise for us initially. God has definitely answered our prayers for peace and the assurance that for now this is what He wants us to do. We have deep, solid roots in Manaus, countless contacts and abundant ministries; but God has showed us that it is time to move on. It is time to allow the twelve families that now make up the Manaus base to grow, develop and learn to run things on their own. God has showed us His will through you. We have received nothing but total support from our kids, from family, from mission teams and from many of you.*

*What will we do in Santaém? One more time God is asking us to pioneer and to help establish a new flight base. The area surrounding Santaém is huge; there are fewer resources available, and the needs are currently much greater. We have tried to set up this base during the past couple of years, but the pilot who is already there needs direction and help. Wilson will work on locating land, building a hangar, establishing partnerships with churches and missions, and assisting with flights. Wilson will also be in charge of the Kodiak Project. Quest Aviation is a Christian company that fabricates the Kodiak airplane (a ten-seat amphibious plane). They are raising funds through donations in order to help provide Kodiak airplanes for missions around the world. Asas was chosen to receive four planes in the years to come. The first plane arrives the end of 2011. Wilson will be responsible to make preparations for importation, licensing, funding to complete the purchase of the planes and cover importation costs and also to help pave the way to implant each plane in a new flight base. Wilson is still very much involved with ministry expansion of the mission.*

*Santaém is further than Manaus, much smaller and is located amidst many rivers! We are scheduled to move the end of March, 2010. Our staff in Manaus will be trained and prepared to receive those mission teams who will be using the OA/Asas boat next year. We are going to dearly miss seeing you and being able to minister together with you personally! The invitation is open in the near future for teams to come and minister together with us in Santaém! It is awesome to know that you will be a vital part of the ministries in Santaém as well through your continued prayers and support. We pray that some teams will find their way to Santaém to give us a hand!!*

*We count on your prayers as we wrap up our involvement in the ministries in Manaus and pack. Pray that God will prepare the way for us to make new friends, find a home and a church and adjust to a new life style and new ministries. Most of all pray that we will continue to seek God's will in all we do and to obey His calling.*

*On the home front, Joshua, Julie and Jessica are doing a tremendous amount of studying this year (more upper level classes) and are trying to "hang in there" until Christmas when they will spend a couple of weeks with us (along with Leighann, Joshua's girlfriend)! We are all having a hard time just waiting to see each other and be family once again. Julie has just recently passed several proficiency tests in nursing and received her first patient this month! Both Julie and Jessica love their nursing programs even though they are extremely hard. Please pray that God will keep them all in good health. Joshua is doing great in his business classes and working very hard on his upper level math classes. He finishes in December and will continue working at the hotel in MO until both he and Leighann graduate in May. God has taught them so much, given them many victories and has cared for their needs tremendously.*

*Thank you for praying for us, for trusting God with us to show us His plans and purpose. He holds our future in His hands, and that is such a comfort! We love you and keep you in our prayers. We love ministering with you, sharing sweet fellowship together and knowing that, in God's kingdom, we are family!!*

*God bless and keep you in His care,*

*Lori and Wilson, Joshua, Julie and Jessica*



*One of the three communion services in the home of a Christian family*

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