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Greetings from the Amazon! We're back and have so much to share.

God's goodness is beyond compare! For the first time in three years, we celebrated the holidays with family! What a blessing to celebrate our life in Christ together this year. There were so many celebrations in such a short time—Christmas, New Years, five family birthdays (including Joshua's 24th), two family engagements, our 26th wedding anniversary and Wilson's folk's 59th!

None of us could wait to be "home"...together. After some time in Manaus visiting friends and touring the city, we headed to south Brazil to spend the holidays with the Kannenberg Clan. Joshua took advantage of his time in Manaus to show Leighann where he grew up and to have all 4 of his wisdom teeth out. What a blessing to have Leighann with us so the rest of the family could begin to know and love her like we do! God gave me a surprise blessing this year from special friends...an absolutely amazing wedding ring to replace the one that was stolen. I don't deserve this outpouring of love, but God's love is beyond our understanding and I am so thrilled. The ring is so beautiful, it



has some of the same style and all of the same significance to me...my alliance to God and to Wilson! Thank you God!!



We all welcomed the New Year with a family dinner, devotions and prayer and then headed over to a famous beach in Camboriú to watch the fantastic display of fireworks light up the sky for thirty-five minutes and praise God for each and every day that He gives us. We also celebrated Maico's engagement (one of our nephews).

The next two weeks we enjoyed just being a family, going to beaches, being crazy, climbing rocks, enjoying amazing scenery as we drove along the ocean front and traveled to Florianópolis and Curitiba. What were some of the highlights of our time together? Riding the waves, sunbathing, taking walks along the beaches, visiting the sand dunes, driving down the mountains in Curitiba and visiting their botanical gardens, having barbecues and holiday dinners and spending time with the whole Kannenberg clan...celebrating family! Grandpa was weak, palid and super unstable when we arrived and by the end of our stay he had great coloring, a suntan and actually did a jig! (You can see more pictures at www.wilsonandlori.com/pictures2f.htm.)



To top of our time together, Joshua and Leighann got engaged on a beautiful, starry night along the beach in Camboriú. It was tremendous to be able to pray with them, hug them in person and give them our congratulations and blessings along with the rest of the family. It was one last celebration family style with a shrimp and fish fry dinner thanks to the women in the family. With heavy hearts, but in gratefulness to God, we watched them go to their lives filled with work and studies in the USA. Joshua was promoted to manager at the hotel and will work fulltime, Leighann will finish her second major (computer science), Julie was awarded a scholarship, so after she graduates she will be able to work off her loan at the hospital. Jessica got a job in the nursing lab at school!



The rest of our time in south Brazil was spent in mission deputation, visiting supporters, preaching in churches and sharing all the wonderful things God is doing throughout the Amazon through the ministries of Asas de Socorro. God gave us opportunities to speak to young people and challenge them to seek His will in missions. Already some of them are sending in responses for more information, so they will know how they can prepare to follow God's calling!

Our special thanks to each of you for your many prayers, for the ministries here and for us personally. Thank you for upholding our family in prayer over the holidays. Our time together was absolutely incredible! Thank you for seeking God's guidance with us during deputation and for future ministries in Santaém. Thank you for helping to keep us on the mission field through all your love, prayer and financial support!!

We would covet your prayers for the ministries and meetings coming up. Here is our agenda since our return.

- Feb. 22-2 mission meetings with the board of directors
- Feb. 28th 1st mission team arrives from IL (leaders: Marty and Pam O'neall)
- March 2-5 Asas de Socorro medical/dental clinic trip (together with the American team) using the OA/Asas Mission boat to minister in a river village. (God opened up the doors so this team will be able to help finish building a church we started last yr.)
- March 6-14 1st team leaves and 2nd team arrives. (leader: Dennis Sohn, Newlife Christian Church, IL)
- March 7th Gloriás wedding (for those of you who know her from Ray of Hope ministries, Manaus.)
- March 19-27 3rd mission team. (leader: Pr. Timothy Barnes, Richwoods Christian Church, IL) (All 3 mission trips will involve church construction, delivery of water filters and evangelization)
- April 9th -15 Mission Assembly meetings and voting (yearly)
- May The chief pilot in Manaus has asked us to help out with the great number of church flights scheduled for May. We just found out that he is requesting a 3 mo. leave of absence, so we don't know when we will move to Santaém. There are no other pilots able to take charge in Manaus. Two are still in training.



In the midst of all of this, we still need to figure out when the mission wants us to go to Santaém, find time to pack, ship our belongings to Santaém and find a place to live. Pray together with us that God will bless us, enlarge our borders, that His hand might be with us and that He would keep us from hurt and harm!
(Prayer of Jabez, 1 Chronicles 4:10)



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