



Wilson made a trip to Benjamin Constant last week for four days. (Straight from Wilson's "pen"!)

- Purpose of the trip:**
1. To help a pilot from a partnering mission that serves up river do a 100 hour inspection on his plane.
 2. To consolidate contacts with New Tribes missionaries in the



area, churches and Indian groups,
Summary: It was a great surprise to see half of Benjamin Constant under water. Blocks of suspended wooden bridges extended through streets and avenues. It felt like I was in Veneza or Italy rather than Brazil. The floods this year are record high throughout the Amazon although some flooding in



Benjamin is typical this time of year.

The inspection of Alan's plane was done at a floating hangar from the Baptist mission with four of us. We had a wonderful time working together. Alan uses a C185 plane to do leadership training and Bible Institute for 15 Indian tribes.

I was sad to find out that 30% of the Indians have hepatitis. The vaccine has never reached them. The hospital in Tabatinga has only 15 beds reserved for such patients. Even more difficult is hearing that tuberculosis has returned and has spread among

the Indians as well.

On my last day in the city I rented a motorcycle to visit missionaries, pastors, doctor Ray (a Korean missionary) and a few Indians. Everyone asked if I was there to stay. With a heavy heart I told them that it would take a few more months for this to happen, that we still plan to move around the middle of November and asked if they would continue to pray. One couple, Eduardo and Sylvia from New Tribes had high hopes that I was there permanently. They need to visit an Indian Tribe. This twelve day boat trip would only take 1 hr. and 15 min. if I could fly them there!

Continue to pray with us for the solidification of the project... to know which couple from Asas de Socorro will be able to work with us... for God to provide funding to help establish this new base and for God to send for workers to this region.

NEWS FLASH #2...



Team members, Pat and Randy with Pr. Lailson and Family

A mission team that came down recently from Riverside Community Church in Peoria, IL took on a special challenge when they left Brazil. The Lord laid it on their hearts to provide funds for the new pastor of Vila Nova (a large Indian tribe) to build a house for his family (\$3,000.00). At present, Pr. Lailson, his wife Queliana and their daughter live on a very small, simple, wooden boat on the river bank of the village.

God has used this team in some very creative ways. Ken and Mary Palmer, the team leaders, purchased 1 ½ kilos of multi-colored açai seeds (a popular fruit in this region) at the market place downtown. They are making beautiful beaded bracelets (along with the help of a woman from a nursing home) and selling them. Others have given donations as well.

The team has already raised \$2,000.00! The group took a leap of faith, borrowed the funds from their church and has already sent them to the pastor so he can begin ordering the wood to be cut and purchase roofing and other construction materials. Wilson and I were asked to bring more beads when we come in a few short days. They don't have far to go to reimburse the church. How awesome to see God provide a home for this wonderful family through a few colored beads and a group of people who are willing to listen to His voice and obey His calling!

Hugs, Wilson

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