



Wilson and I began our “home assignment” the middle of May. We had an amazing two weeks travelling over 4000 miles through 11 states. It’s been a “roller coaster” of emotions every day as we visited with family, ministry partners and supporting churches.

Over the years, those of you who started out as ministry partners have truly

become family to us! How awesome and exciting it was to arrive at each home or church only to wake up the following morning and have to say our good-byes with tears and heavy hearts, knowing how long it will be until we can meet again! One of the hardest parts of a missionary’s life is so often having to say “good-bye”!



Although our visits were far too short, it was a tremendous blessing to receive such a warm welcome from each one, together with lots of love, hugs and sweet fellowship. What a joy for us to catch up on each other’s lives, share in God’s goodness, pray together and have the special privilege of thanking each one of you personally for your love, prayers and partnership.



At times, we were running on “fumes” from hours of travel, but God is so gracious and gave us good health, strength, great travel weather and special times to catch up on some much-needed sleep. The scenery along the way was incredibly breathtaking. We not only loved and enjoyed several outdoor activities along the way, but also, amazing and delicious meals. Of course, the most precious thing of all has been the wonderful fellowship we have shared with you and the oodles of memories made that we will take back with us to cherish for always.

The month of June was spent visiting with ministry partners and, supporting churches in Illinois. We were honored to meet with the mission committee of a couple of the churches and gather together with groups of mission team members and friends in a few of the homes. It was awesome to have the privilege of staying with Brandon and Julie. We thoroughly enjoyed our time with them!

Wilson and I really wanted to fill this letter with pictures of all of YOU, our ministry partners. God has blessed us with so many and we didn't want to leave any one out! Besides the fact that we will soon have the wonderful opportunity to visit more ministry partners in Wisconsin as well. Our prayer is that you will understand that the ministry in Brazil is NOT about us, it's all about GOD! He is the one who chooses to use us to accomplish His goals, fulfill HIS plans. We can't do it alone. It's so awesome that God's design is for us to work together in unity... a community serving side by side in obedience to HIS perfect will. We praise God daily for your prayers and partnership, for being so faithful to obey God and minister together with us throughout the Amazon!



During our time in the USA, God has given Wilson and I lots of "together time" too; going on walks, reading together and having some great conversations during the long hours on the road, while enjoying breathtaking scenery along the way. Life with God is such an amazing journey!

This is just a glimpse of what "home assignment" is all about. It's a time of connecting, communion, sharing, presenting challenges and expressing our deepest thanks to one and all. It's being edified, encouraged and blessed by others. It's also a time to "recharge" our batteries so we can return to the mission field where God has called us and fully rely on Him to use us for His honor and glory. We praise God that we get to serve Him in the Amazon on the borders of Brazil, Peru and Colombia together with YOU! ☺

Prayer is the key! *Please pray with us for continued travel safety while in Wisconsin and that God would help us make the BEST use of our time to visit ministry partners and use us for His glory as we share and preach in supporting churches each week.*

*God's richest blessings,
Wilson and Lori*

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