



Asas de Socorro

Wing of Help



What is the true gift of Christmas?

“The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord!” Rm 6:23

Merry Christmas!

December, 2007



During an extended holiday in Sept., we held our yearly mission conference. The mission staff of Asas de Socorro (Wings of Mercy) work intensely throughout the year on the field. This is the one chance we have to get away with family and co-workers for a time of fun and fellowship for a few days.

The theme of our conference this year was thankfulness (I Thess. 5:18). There were forty-eight of us who attended. After twelve adventurous hours driving around hundreds of pot holes (more like craters) and crossing over the equator into the northern hemisphere, the 5-car caravan composed of our mission staff from Manaus

arrived in Boa Vista. The amount of time it took and the fact that there was only one road going in a straight line from Manaus to BV gave us much more appreciation for the vastness of the Amazon and the few options available for travel here.

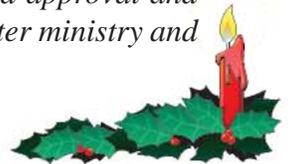


We were tired, but more than ready to relax and let God minister in our lives through praise, worship, fellowship and uplifting messages. God is so good, and we all had the wonderful opportunity to enjoy His creation and each other! We also made a trip out to the land our mission just purchased for the construction of the new hangar and airstrip for the flight program in Boa Vista.

We had a special time of prayer and dedication there. This new location will help to greatly reduce operation costs in the near future and eliminate all the problems and hassles we currently have at the local airport.

Asas de Socorro (Wings of Mercy) Brazil has goals for expanding our ministries by opening new flight bases in strategic places in order to reach the entire Amazon for Christ until the year 2015 in partnership with evangelical churches and other mission organizations. We will do this through clinic flights, church planting and construction, delivery of water filters and educational ministries. River villages will have some of their physical needs met and at the same time, the people will hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching and evangelism, the JESUS MOVIE, etc. Our priority and focus is reaching isolated peoples who have never heard the Gospel. You are an important part of the work here! You have supported us faithfully and prayed with us for God to send more airplanes, pilots, mechanics, Christian workers, a boat and small barge. We praise God daily for your partnership in prayers and support!

God is using your prayers and involvement in an awesome way to meet the growing needs we have!! One answer has already come from Operation Amazon Ministries. They received approval and funding for the donation of an aluminum barge. This will allow us to begin the water filter ministry and deliver construction materials for new churches.





Another answer to prayer came through a Christian brother, Bruce Kennedy who was the Chief of Operation of Alaska Airlines and on the board of directors for the Kodiak Foundation. God called him home and per his wishes, Asas de Socorro was chosen to receive the donation of a new Kodiak airplane (ten seats) with amphibious floats in 2011! Wilson was sent to represent the mission for this special event. The plane is being subsidized by the Kodiak Foundation and donations that came in will cover three fourths of the cost. Until 2011, we will be working on legalizing the Kodiak and floats here in Brazil and ask you to pray with us that this will be done quickly and at minimal cost.

God has heard your prayers for workers. A new mechanic and his wife arrived in Sept. Another mechanic should arrive before the end of the year and a new pilot is scheduled to come with his family the middle of next year. We are thrilled and filled with thankfulness to the powerful God we serve for knowing our needs, hearing the prayers of all the saints and meeting our needs!

While Wilson was in the USA, I participated in a conference sponsored by a Christian publisher from São Paulo called: "Transformation by the teaching of the truth" I administered three seminars called "Missions – in the heart of God and the children". I also submitted seven pages of teaching ideas, a lesson plan and visuals on teaching missions to children for the conference (workbook). It is so awesome when God stretches us and uses the gifts and talents He has given us. It was a tremendous blessing and I learned so much.



So what is happening on the "home front" this year? Joshua is in his second year as a Math major at College of the Ozarks and is still planning to do his masters in space engineering after he graduates. He works as a life guard at the college pool and also works at the reception desk of the New Hilton Hotel near Branson. Julie is in her first year of nursing and is still on yearbook staff and a cashier at a local supermarket. Since the college is a work/study program, she will be "banking" extra hours each week so she won't have to work her senior year and will be free to do her (student nursing). It's so hard to believe that at 16, Jessica has just graduated from high school. We praise God for yet another victory in her life. She is applying to College of the Ozarks as well.



Life with God is an adventure. We are learning to delight in the surprises of today. When we obey God's commands and serve Him faithfully we feel and experience the peace and joy of the Lord, are fulfilled and the victory is ours! May God, in 2008, fill your lives with surprises, blessings and many victories.

*The Kannenberg Family; Wilson, Lori, Joshua, Julie and Jessica
Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!*

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