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October 2008 Update

Greetings from the Amazon!

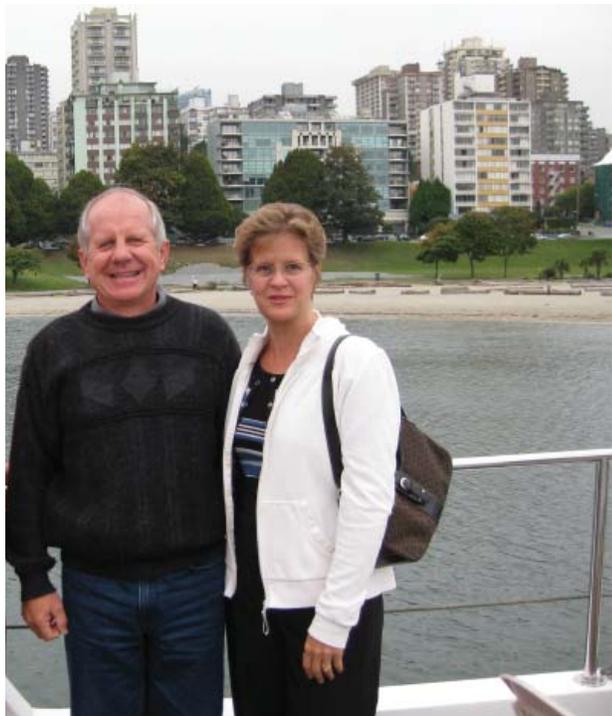
After five wonderful, very busy months sharing, preaching and visiting with most of you, we made it back to Manaus the 24th of Sept. How did we get here? Do you care to travel with us?

It is time to go, 6:00 am, Sept. 23rd. First you travel by car three hours from Peoria, IL, to O'Hare airport in Chicago in the wonderful company of family along with four large, heavy duffle bags, two stuffed carry-ons, a computer and an oversized purse. On the way you receive numerous calls from the "kids" trying to hold on and keep in touch before we are forced to hand over the phone. Grab a late breakfast before you arrive and become a victim of inflation at the airport! Check in your baggage to São Paulo early (everything OK) and walk through security removing shoes, belts, computer from case, etc. Now you wait and walk, read and talk until your plane for Miami leaves three hours later. Get on the plane, read, snooze, forget the "snack" and fly two and one-half hours to Miami arriving safely. Rent a cart to haul all carry-ons throughout the airport for five hours until your next flight. In the meantime, you give in and buy a late lunch right there.

Head over to the international terminal, walk through security again, removing and placing personal belongings through the x-ray again. Wait another hour or so and board the plane. Fly seven hours to São Paulo, eating dinner, watching a movie, snoozing (or trying to) having breakfast and buckling in for landing. Time for customs. You are very tired and somewhat disoriented and cranky. One passenger is sick, so you must wait until the ambulance arrives before you reach the line for customs where passengers from three other planes are now standing. You walk through the maze with all your baggage weaving in and out for an hour and a half until you gladly discover that they are so backed up they just wave you through and your done! Check your baggage again, walk through yet another security check and wait an hour to board the four hour flight to Manaus arriving at noon exhausted and yet elated that you finally made it. Retrieve your luggage. Now you are ecstatic because it is all there! Find a taxi and go home. You have just travelled close to thirty hours to get to Brazil! Did you enjoy the trip?

We are so glad to be back albeit with mixed emotions. How do we feel? Blessed to be serving the Lord in Brazil and missing you all tremendously! How do you say good-bye to family and friends, your children, supporters, church families . . . all those you love from the depths of your heart? We do not really say "good bye." We carry you back with us in our hearts and prayers through treasured moments and memories, friendships and lots of love. Thank you for loving us, for opening up your

homes and hearts to us and for being "family"! We praise God for the opportunity He gave us to meet you, spend time with you, to share and fellowship together. We apologize to those of you we did not get to see or talk to on the phone. We tried, but couldn't always get through. We love you dearly, too.



Before we left the USA, I (Lori) got a hair cut (thanks to my two wonderful, crazy, special sisters), and our mission sent us to Vancouver, Canada, for meetings with the leadership and board of Mission Aviation Fellowship, Canada and MAF International. It was an incredibly awesome trip, first to Seattle to meet with a couple on staff with the Kodiak planes that will be donated to Asas de Socorro in 2011 and then on to Vancouver by train along the coast! It was a tremendous opportunity for Wilson to meet with mission aviation leaders world wide, plan new strategies to evangelize through aviation, learn how to be more effective and efficient as we carry out the ministries and provide input as well. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with their wives and having the rare privilege of touring Vancouver.

Now that we have arrived in Manaus, what has our first week been like?

Lori: Unpack, write our September prayer letter in Portuguese and send it. Go through five months worth of mail, file documents and bills, prepare meals, do a few extra loads of laundry to clear the house of moldy clothing and bedding, complete the update of all our contact information from the USA, and carry on with mission responsibilities.

Wilson: Went in for a stress test and medical exam for pilots, took his yearly pilot exam, flew several hours with another pilot to prepare for the military flight check, held an all day meeting with the program administrator and chief pilot for briefing and to receive all of his responsibilities back and take on theirs. (One is going on furlough now and the other will be gone for 1 month.) Shop for groceries and take car into the shop to have the engine overhauled.

We discovered that even though we brought car parts back, the engine was too far gone. We praise God for the offerings He gave us through many of you to take care of needs like this. Our car is big (not common here), strong, diesel (cheaper), has four-wheel drive (which helps us get out to the hangar in rainy season) and is so old it is considered an antique. That means we don't pay almost any yearly car tax (which is usually a lot!). Also, cars are so incredibly expensive here that we decided that ours is worth fixing. The only problem is that it will take a few months. We are praying we will

be able to find a good mechanic and the necessary car parts to add to those we already have. Please pray with us about this and also for patience, especially for Wilson as we try to carry out our daily responsibilities without it!

We are so blessed to be able to keep in touch with our kids almost every day through the computer and hear about their busy school schedules, jobs, friends and prayer requests. Last night we were welcomed back by our staff at the bi-weekly mission meeting.

Thank you for coming all this way with us, for being there for our first week home and for surrounding us with your love through your prayers and support!!

All our love and hugs,

Wilson, Lori, Joshua, Julie and Jessica

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