



Asas de Socorro

(Wing of Help)



Giving wings to those who give their lives

May 2009 Update

Hi, we're back again with news and prayer requests for you, who through prayer and contributions support our fulltime ministry with Asas de Socorro (Wings of Help) here in the Amazon, Brazil. It's awesome to know many of you have been with us for more than 25 years now, firm and faithful, and to meet new partners along the way who have joined forces with us to reach the unreached in a state almost the size of the USA! We praise God for you!

The mission board meetings went well. It was challenging to seek God's direction for ministry expansion, evaluate current ministries and re-evaluate our mission standards and by-laws. We strive to keep our mission standards and values high and update them without compromising the essence of what God teaches us in His Word!

While in south Brazil, (2 weeks) God opened several doors. We were able to spend time and stay with two of our supporters. We also visited 4 churches and ministered in 3 of them preaching and sharing with them all about the ministries of Asas de Socorro. Wilson spoke to one church on a weeknight where 41 of their leaders were present. While Wilson preached and shared, I manned the "power point" we did on the spot! God is so gracious to us. There was much excitement and many questions afterwards. It was wonderful to be able to share in our one supporting church near mission headquarters also and receive hugs from so many that we hadn't seen for a few years.

We came back to Manaus just long enough to get caught up with correspondence and mission responsibilities, check on the progress of the barge (coming along very well now), work on the status of the water filters (a politician will be helping us get the filters out of storage free of charge possibly next week-the federal and state taxes on this container have been exempt!) and begin preparing for the next mission team that will come the 27th of May.

We will be travelling once again in May. God is blessing us with a trip to the USA so we can spend time with Joshua, Julie and Jessica before they start their summer jobs. We will also have the privilege of seeing a dentist (to help repair the tooth I broke), help Jessica drive so she can get her license, see what the kid's need and attend a family wedding where we will get to see the whole family.

Since we last wrote there have been several Asas de Socorro ministry trips throughout the Amazon. Here are testimonies from a couple of dentists who participated in these trips and one from a missionary pilot. (All have been translated into English)

Dental Clinic Flight:

How to describe the first fantastic experience I had in the Amazon? Yes, I say first, because I am sure I will live many others. Hard! It is not even possible to express many things, only live them. But, I will try to relate here a little of what God did in my life during the week that I spent in river communities on the Jau River.

The preparations for this trip gave me a certain apprehension. The fact of being far from what we call civilization scared me. Until now, I have participated in a few missionary projects lending my services, but all of them were in cities nearby my home and at any moment I could return if I was tired or something like that. I have always felt moved to be involved in missions, but thought that I could never give up the comfort of my home. I thought there must be other people prepared to do this, so I stayed far away, only observing God move in the lives of others.



But, now? I had already made a commitment. I would be many kilometers away from home. How would I sleep? Eat? Take a bath? Would I survive? All of a sudden, I was surprised! Arriving at the first community, my heart was impacted in such a way that the love for those lives went way beyond any doubt or fear. It seemed at last, that I encountered a greater purpose for my life. I know this love does not come from me, but from God. How wonderful it is to feel the love of God in our lives, flowing through us to others.

Everything began to make more sense. The profession that I love so much has turned into a precious instrument. The joy that my service provided to those people went beyond the highest expectations that I have reached through it until now. No title, job, discovery, money, none of this is better than the pleasure of serving those who have such great needs. And we don't give enough to meet their needs, but the little that we offered was so precious for this tribe. Each smile on their faces, the happiness of the children when they received toothbrushes. This is much better than any other professional endeavor.

And where did my fear, ego and comfort go? They were substituted by courage and love. The world that revolved around me was small. There are lives that need us. If I can serve a little through my profession, than here am I! I want more! This was my first trip. Certainly there will be many others. There will be no distance, or lack of comfort to hinder me, but I will seek God, more and more each day, and desire to serve Him and to dedicate my life to Him. I want to take advantage also to praise God for the ministry of Asas de Socorro and all its missionaries that dedicate their lives to the service of the Father, showing at all times the love of God in their precious lives. May God bless this ministry.

-Maria Olivia Aguilar Dental Surgeon from Salvador, Bahia

Testimony from another recent clinic trip:

With God's grace we went on a clinic trip to the Cuieiras River. This was a deontological denture clinic. During 6 days we worked from morning till night and five untiring dentists made 57 prostheses' demonstrating clearly, objectively and practically the love of God to the Indians. It was God's time for us, to see God working every moment, providing needs, renewing our hope for each challenge to be done and our strength to face the intense hours of work. Praise God with us for everything. We want to share about this ministerial conquest with those who have prayed and contributed to the ministries of Asas de Socorro! A big hug for everyone, Flávio and Mara



Testimony from a missionary pilot from ABWE (A Baptist mission)

Alan's float plane was in our shop out at the lake for a major overhaul. He flew "home" (near Peru) two days ago and sent us this note...

Brothers, I don't want to take long here, but Because you worked: once again 15 Ticuna Tribes will have Bible Institute in our area each week. Because you worked, 5 churches will have seminary classes one time a month in segments, hundreds of people will have life by having a



flying ambulance, I can be a pastor of a church and help millions of others at the same time...AND in an airplane that is trustworthy and beautiful. I hope that I, with the airplane and the help of the Lord Jesus Christ, can be a blessing to you as much as you are a blessing to me. You were used by God in giving me even more ministry that I could not have without you!

What a blessing it is to work together with churches, missions, teams and ministry partners and see God move among the people throughout the Amazon! We praise Him for all He is doing here and for everyone of you that has joined us in this great task!

God Bless, Love and Hugs,

*Lori and Wilson Kannenberg
Joshua, Julie and Jessica*

Prayer Requests:

- Flight safety (rainy season)*
- For the thousands of people who are homeless because of the flooding of the rivers (highest ever)*
- For our time with the "kids" and safe travel.*
- That God would release the water filter container in the next couple of weeks!*
- For the progress of the barge (that will be used to deliver the filters and to help with church construction.)*
- For all the lives that are impacted by the ministries of Asas de Socorro and by us missionaries.*
- Pray that we will be humble servants, instruments used by God to do His will!*

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