



*FOLLOW THE STAR...
FOLLOW JESUS!
"A Star shall come out of Jacob". Num.24:17*

*The wise men knew this special star would lead to the Christ child who would be born king of the Jews and would one day rule and shepherd His people. One day they observed His star in the East. They followed it as it went before them. When they saw that the star had stopped over the place where the child was, they were overwhelmed with joy, went into the house and fell down and worshiped Him. Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life!" (John 8:12) As we face this new year...
Follow the Star, Follow JESUS and Find life through HIM!*

Sharing God's love in many ways...and places - December 2010

MAF/ASAS (Wings of Help) is a worldwide Christian organization operating over 125 light aircraft in more than 30 countries. There are flights every day transporting patients, relief teams, medical supplies and Christian workers in the world's remotest regions and places of deepest human need. Places where flying is not a luxury but a lifeline. One of those places is northern Brazil. In November Asas de Socorro celebrated 55 years reaching the unreached, meeting physical and spiritual needs and transforming lives through aviation and social development.



55 years of service to the Lord!

Another commemoration in 2010 for all of us was the legalization of the Aeronautical Hangar in Manaus. For the past several years all maintenance and requests had to be submitted in advance and authorized through another hangar. This took a lot of time and some expense. Now the Manaus flight base has official documentation and authorization to operate normally and more efficiently maintain our mission airplanes along with those of other missions in this same region who partner with us.



This year we had a record dry season and many of the tributaries and lakes dried up, including the lake where the Manaus mission base is located. We praise God that in the last 3 months we were able to minister through 6 clinic trips meeting the medical/dental and spiritual needs in river villages. Two clinics had to be cancelled because the low rivers made transportation impossible...even by plane. What a blessing it was to deliver water filters in several villages turning the little, extremely muddy water they did have available into clear, pure drinking water! The rivers are slowly rising and we want to thank you for your prayers for God's provision for these people.

Lake at the hangar gone - record dry season!

November was a busy month as well. Wilson went to mission headquarters along with other assembly members to elect our new board of directors among the 33 Christian leaders represented. Continue to pray with us for God's direction. We had our last mission Family meeting in our home with all 40+ of us that are on staff in Manaus now. Wilson gave a devotional to the adults and I taught a Bible lesson and games to the kids (most ranging from 3-5 yrs.). I also had the mission women over for our Friendship Group. I gave a special lesson on the history and meaning of Thanksgiving and we stopped periodically throughout the lesson so each of us could give a "popcorn prayer" of something we are thankful for. We ended the afternoon with a luncheon of all sorts of foods that represented those used for the first Thanksgiving. Both meetings were a wonderful time of reflection and God's Spirit moving among us. At the end of the month, a special seminar was given here in Manaus at our hospitality house called the NEST. Christian leaders from the interior of the Amazon came to take a seminar that our mission gives regularly. The seminar covered two key areas: Orality and training leaders to teach the Christian Reading and Writing program we with adults in river villages. Orality is a new method of helping those who don't know how to read learn the Bible through little battery or solar powered (or battery) radios or DVD players (battery, solar or electricity). This tool helps those who can't read to understand the Bible and be able to teach it to others. This method literally teaches the Bible itself to avoid the possibility of teaching other doctrines.

Our family is doing well and very busy. Joshua and Leighann still live in Branson, MO and are working full time. God is giving them this year to slow the pace a little, adjust to married life and look into possibilities for future studies. Leighann finished her last class requirement for her second major in December. She is officially done and ready to move on! Julie and Jessica have been overwhelmed with studies and clinicals in their nursing program. In just 5 short months Julie will be graduating and walking down the isle with Brandon! God blessed Brandon with a new position. He also surprised Julie with an incredible new job for students in the neuro surgical department. She works two nights on the weekends. It's an exciting new challenge for her!

Wilson and I just finished moving to another house close by (one block away). We still are seeking God's will about a possible move to start a new mission base in 1½ - 2 years after Wilson is able to train one more pilot for the Manaus Flight Base (a special request from the mission). There was another mission family waiting to move into our home and after 10 years living in one place it was good to sort through our belongings, get rid of things we don't use any more and trust God to continue showing us His will for our future.

Thank you for following the star, following Jesus...for actively seeking to do His will and be faithful to His calling through your prayers, support and participation in the ministries of Asas de Socorro throughout Brazil! We appreciate your prayers and support for our family so much. May this Christmas season be a time to continue seeking God to lead you on to new challenges, renewed commitments and a deeper, closer walk with Christ!

God's richest blessing for the New Year!

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