



We just celebrated the 85th Anniversary of the church here in Benjamin Constant praising and worshipping the Lord together with more than 1000 people. We consecrated the previous pastor for his new field of ministry and welcomed the new pastor and his wife.



Throughout the special numbers with choreography from the different congregations, time of praise and a message from the Word, God’s name was exalted and glorified. The new

pastor (Frank) shared with us the three keys to unity; love, obedience and faithfulness. Our time of celebration ended with fellowship and beautifully decorated cake 1 ½ yards long. It’s been awesome getting acquainted with those from the church, their needs and also the needs of the church in general in order to evangelize, disciple and win Benjamin Constant and the surrounding areas for Christ! Pr. Frank and Mayra stayed with us for two weeks until their belongings came and they were able to find a house. During the day and especially every afternoon brothers and sisters in Christ and also the youth come to visit us showing friendship and some seeking counseling. It’s obvious that these people are starving to receive God’s love and spiritual direction. People have stopped us on the street saying they want to get right with God and could we pray for them and help orientate them. We have talked and prayed with people in the bakeries, stores, on the street and just about everywhere we have gone. We covet your prayers for wisdom and discernment to be used by God to deal with such great need.



Wilson and I have had several meetings with various different Indian tribes to establish ways we can work together to meet physical, educational and spiritual needs. Caciques (Indian chiefs), health representatives and Christian leaders have expressed difficulties and persecutions they face, discuss legal rights, etc. We are also meeting with other organizations and partners to plan, organize and schedule installation of water filters, wells, leadership training and future construction of churches and schools. Pastors and teachers are already being prepared among the different Indian ethnic groups.

← Meeting with the Ticuna Indians.

When we met with the leaders of the Matis, Mauruna, Marubo e Canamarí Indians they shared the difficulties they face getting schools, teachers and any kind of help with their physical and health needs.





One of the Caciques told us, with the help of a translator, how he would love to introduce his son to us but he died from hepatitis the previous week. His eyes glistened with profound sadness as he presented his adorable little granddaughter who no longer has a dad. This past year already over 300 Indians have died among the Matis tribes with hepatitis and in some cases this sickness took entire families. These are people who have not had the opportunity to hear God's Word and find salvation through Christ. Nothing is being done and outsiders are not allowed in to help. Just in the last week we have heard of four people who have hung themselves (2 where Indians). The Christian Indians and Christians in town are desperate to share the Gospel with their people and give them hope, purpose, fulfillment, joy and abundant life through Christ! We know God is using these tragic deaths to unify the Indians and open doors so that through their request and invitation we can go into isolated rivers and regions and minister to these unreached peoples.

Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Ps. 82:3,4

As our devotional today reminds us... we are representatives of God to speak of His greatness and the power of His Gospel which changes people's story. It's a privilege of rare value!

Here are some of the ways we have discussed for spreading the Gospel here which has the power to change people's lives and their communities:

- 1- Digging semi artesian wells.
- 2- Installing water filters in areas of difficult access.
- 3- Constructing schools and churches.
- 4- Help to fortify the Indian Bible Institute. (Teaching and improving their installations, dorms, etc.)
- 5- Through Leadership Training Seminars
- 6- Providing basic hygiene – wells, dental, medical
- 7- Doing emergency flights, transporting leaders, health workers, authorities, etc.

After these meetings we had another meeting with the mayor and vice mayor from Atalaia do Norte, the only other small city in this area. We are already scheduling dates for dental care and other activities to meet needs. Wilson should be flying already this week covering the Javari River but the pilot's license he recently renewed was never approved so he was required to return to Manaus to resolve this.

Wilson and I praise God for each and every offering that has arrived for the purchase of the land for the flight base here in Benjamin. The first installment was paid and we give all honor and glory to the Lord. We give thanks to God always for YOU, for your obedience, faithfulness and partnership in the ministries here! How awesome it is to serve God together in love and unity.

*All our love and hugs,
Wilson and Lori*



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