

A village chief told Wilson last month that he doesn't like Christians, missionaries or pastors. Wilson was NOT allowed to speak up for Christ during his stay. This month, another big chief died and the family from here requested a flight to attend the funeral. The 1 ½ hr. flight took close to 2 hours as Wilson tried to land on the narrow winding river covered with tree limbs. He wasn't going to press the issue. Safety



always comes first so he landed in a village ½ hr. away. The family waited in this village until they were able to get a boat to take them another 6-8 hrs. up

river. Even people in this village were in mourning over this well-known chief. The family asked if Wilson would be willing to give a funeral service. He had the wonderful opportunity of sharing Christ with not just that family but the entire village. God's ways will not be thwarted. He will open the doors one way or another!



Before Wilson left, the Indians prepared a huge turtle and served it in their "maloca" or Indian hut. I admit to being very thankful I was NOT there for THAT!

The turtle was roasted over the fire whole, then they took a stick, gave it several whacks to crack the shell and dug in with their bare

hands in between the intestines, heart or whatever else is in a turtle besides the meat, in order to yank a hunk of meat out, dip it in salt and eat it! See for yourself...



We just recently learned that our request for digging wells in this region was approved in Brasília. The next step is getting approval from an Indian government organization in Tabatinga. The area has already been mapped out and soon we can set dates to begin digging wells and providing pure drinking water for the villages here.

I gave 3 seminars to the youth here in town on dating: What are the Biblical Principles for dating? How do you know you're in love? What is true love? What qualities should we seek to have in our lives to prepare us for dating and what qualities should we look for in a mate? What an amazing time we had...

Nothing like landing at your doorstep!



Having fun with the youth group.

discipling, hostessing etc. but it is also a calmer and more relaxed atmosphere. The people seem much more friendly and loving in many ways. They hunger for the Word and for serving Christ in any way they can. The town is small, the climate much more pleasant and the traffic is crazy in it's own sort of way with motorcycles weaving in and out and up and down the streets. We feel so blessed to be here, to serve, to minister and get to know and love the people. **We are facing new challenges and learning new things every day...**

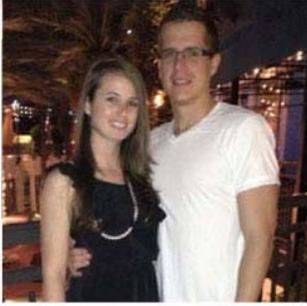
I have also been studying the Sunday school materials we were able to get for the children's classes and will give orientation to the teachers soon on how to use them. We had a special women's service for all 6 congregations and women in town on Mother's Day. I'm still trying to get used to the idea of being asked to share and preach where ever we go! They often look straight at us from the pulpit during the service and let the congregation know that we are going to go up there and "share what is on our hearts". So God is making it clear that we need to be prepared at ALL times to listen to His voice and allow Him to use us!

Life here is so full of opportunities to "shine for Christ!" It's busier with ministries... teaching, preaching, tribal work,

- 1) *If you see something you want or need... BUY IT! (You may never see it again!)*
- 2) *Motorcycles have the right of way.*
- 3) *When you go to church, you may and probably will be asked to do or share something.*
- 4) *Visitors will most likely arrive from 5:00 until church so eat a big lunch or be prepared to share your meals.*
- 5) *Most people in town are open and honest (surprise). They will return your cell phone, let you know if you dropped a wad of money (or even a sponge off the top of your car) and corner you in the supermarket to let you know you forgot your \$7.00 in change when you ordered your simple take home lunch.*
- 6) *If you plan to walk downtown for the exercise, don't. As soon as you step onto the street, someone from church will skid to a stop and offer you a ride on their bike to where ever you want to go.*
- 7) *It's a small world... Enjoy being greeted and greeting people you know (or don't know) all over town.
Have fun trying to remember where you know them from!*
- 8) *Bargaining is "almost" non-existent here. You will pay the FULL price.*
- 9) *Cheese, ham, meats and poultry are all expensive. If you want the "ends" of cheese and ham, even if they are moldy and awful, they will still be FULL price! (In Manaus they were great and less than half price.)*
- 10) *The meat gets butchered on Saturday so the best day to purchase meat is Tuesday.*
- 11) *Crack your eggs separately, one at a time, or you may dumb an unpleasant surprise in your recipe.*
- 12) *Most Peruvian stores and businesses will be closed on Saturdays because of their religious sect. They wear veils and their "Jesus" lives in.....*
- 13) *The people at church are loving and warm. They will do anything to give a hand.*
- 14) *We actually have double acting baking powder (yeah), shortening and evaporated milk but we don't have brown sugar (not in town) or wheat germ. We don't have a gas station either.*
- 15) *If you hear loud squawking and thumps out back, don't freak out. It's only the neighbor killing a chicken.*
- 16) *Flies rule! (At least in the kitchen). Bugs aren't normal, they are huge!! Try not to let them spook you.*
- 17) *The city water is pumped to our house from 6:30-9:00. Be frugal and save it when dry season begins.*
- 18) *Be ready to truck over to the city hall every few days to get drinking water. They have an artesian well.*
- 19) *It's common practice for each family to burn their own garbage so don't install a smoke alarm.*
- 20) *Announcements come in the form of loud speakers on top of cars driving up and down the streets. Be prepared to listen if you want to know what's going on here.*
- 21) *Keep your ears open to hear people clapping out front at any time! Learn to be flexible and creative!!*

Such is life in Benjamin Constant ☺

We are so glad you are sharing it with us through your prayers and partnership!



News blurb... Joshua just recently applied for a job position as Assistant Director of Front Office Operations at the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel in MN. He has had as a goal all along to be director some day. God granted him this position and both he and Leighann will be living in MN starting in June. Leighann applied for a job at the same hotel and recently had two interviews. She is now the Assistant Director of Revenue Management, which is an area she loves and studied for all through college. We are so proud of them both, knowing that they have prayed trusting God to direct their steps and use them where He sees fit. It will be challenging and bring lots of changes with the new positions, finding a new church, making new friends and facing a much harsher winter than they have ever faced before. Please pray for them... that God will give them safe travel, help them find an apartment close to the hotel and guide them through all the adjustments.

Love and Hugs, Wilson and Lori

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