

Greetings from Benjamin Constant!

August, 2013

Wilson did a couple emergency flights recently to pick up two Indian boys who had snake bites. After the tribal witch doctors tried all their chants and cures for close to 19 days and almost all hope was lost, they sought outside help. One boy

was only 9 years old. His foot was dead, as black as coal, and his ankle bones were completely exposed and dry.

Gangrene had set in and the smell of rotten flesh was so overpowering it was almost impossible to breathe. These boys were rushed to the hospital and had their legs amputated. We just received word that after they stabilized and began gaining strength, they were sent to south Brazil to be fitted for leg

prosthesis and receive physical therapy . How we praise God that we were able to play a small part in helping save these boys lives and that as a result, more doors are opening for us to minister to Indians in the Javarí River Valley which is still very closed to the Gospel.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time with a couple we have known for years from St. Louis!

One day while Monica and I worked all morning sorting through curriculum and supplies and organizing it all into large bags for the 10 churches that will be starting **Stuffing the bags.**

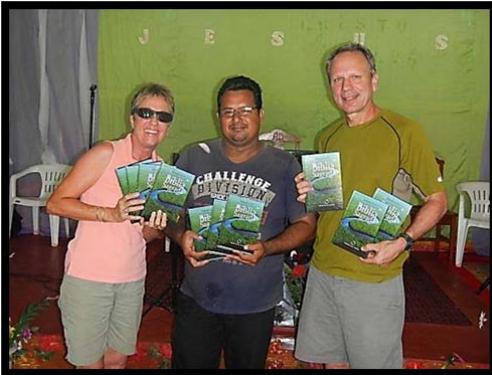
Sunday Schools soon, Wilson and Michael did another emergency flight to a little village called Flores (flowers). The village chief welcomed them all decked out with his spear, bow and a full headdress! They went to pick up a 13 yr. old Indian girl who was pregnant. The health agent in that village had radioed in that the baby wasn't moving any more. They flew her and her 16 yr. old husband so she could have surgery at a local hospital. She and the baby are doing well.



Wilson and the Indian Chief

Preparing to take the Indian girl to the hospital.

We have been here for 6 mo. now, but even so, “new” blood sometimes sees things we don’t make note of. **Here is a link of our little town from their perspective. Enjoy the tour ☺! ... (LINK)**



Bibles are very hard to come by here. We ordered 100 Bibles (Very nice, hard cover, partially laminated at \$4.00 each) for new Christians and several who have been Christians for years but have never had their own Bible. Michael and Monica brought special funds from their church for the Sunday school materials and Bibles . Three little boys from their church raised \$16.00 worth of change from their lemonade stand. One of those boys, Caleb, celebrated his birthday by asking all the kids to bring school supplies for the churches here and one small toy for him! Michael and

Monica visited each congregation we
Pr. Alexandre receiving Bibles.

work with and presented 10 Bibles to each pastor.

We visited Islandia, Peru, a 30 min. boat ride from Benjamin. The entire city is suspended and for 7 mo. of the yr. the river flows beneath it. Health needs are great, the water is contaminated and little children fall off the walkways and drown each year. There we met with Pr. Edgardo and Joe (people we partner with for the well digging project) before they left on a trip to dig 20 more wells. Later in the week we visited two Indian tribes (one



by boat, the other by plane)

to teach dental hygiene, give fluoride treatments and build relationships. On the flight, we tried to locate Pr. Edgardo’s boat without success, but we did visit the tribe where they had just finished digging 8 wells! They were prohibited from working in the tribe called Flores. It has been great building relationships where ever we go. Wilson is especially good at



meeting and greeting everyone!



Giving dental hygiene and fluoride treatments in two

Indian tribes: Lauro Soldre and Lago Grande.

(Our special thanks for the dentist who sent such awesome toothbrushes!)

The teacher training workshops have been going very well. Monica was able to share some important principles with us. We still have three weeks to go and it's been fun to see their enthusiasm growing and their skills developing. Each church decorated a shoe box to store some of their supplies...



Monica, Michael, Indian chief, Wilson and Lori

Praising God for each one of you who makes this all possible through a zillion different ways so God's love can reach the unreached, His message can be heard where there was no voice and His gift of eternal life can be offered to those who have no hope.

We love you and wish each one of you could be here with us in person, but God so graciously allows you to be with us, work with us and make a difference for Him through your prayers, support and partnership!

*God Bless,
Wilson and Lori*

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