

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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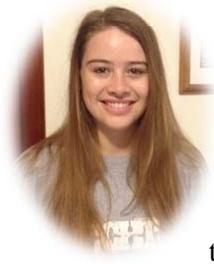
“Peace I leave with you; my
peace I give to you.”

John 14:27



From creation to Christ God has lovingly shown us His marvelous plan of redemption and salvation. When sin entered the world and the lives of all humanity (Rm 3:23), conflicts and persecutions, tribulations and wars began. The world cries for

Peace. Only God offers us true peace through the death and resurrection of His own Son. On that glorious day when Jesus was born, the angels were praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth Peace to men on whom his favor rests.” But years later Jesus himself said, “I did not come to bring Peace but a sword.” (Matthew 10:34) The sword is a symbol of the Word of God which comes out of His mouth. The Word of God cuts like a sword and brings division. Jesus did not come to bring political Peace among the nations, but to offer internal peace for everyone who trusts in Him as Lord and Savior. The choice is ours; believe in Jesus and be saved, or reject the Son of God and live separated from His love and Peace for all eternity. This Christmas, let us sing praises to God for the true Peace that He gives us through the arrival of a baby, His precious Son, who was born, lived a life without sin and later died on the cross to pay the price of our sins. He is the only one who can give us forgiveness, salvation and internal peace. His name is JESUS!



In the beginning of November, an 18 yr. old girl named Bianca from Uruguay stayed with us for a week. She is seeking God's will for her life in missions and and/or career. She was able to participate in a youth activity, accompany us up river to do maintenance on the plane and help and participate in the teacher training course I give on Saturdays.

This month I (Lori) have been developing specific workshops for training children's workers in the church. The churches in Benjamin Contant are beginning to recognize the tremendous need to help their members develop and use their gifts and learn to teach with excellence. The specific workshops I have been working on are:

- **Children's Praise and Worship** (Biblical foundation, definition and types of praise, teaching methods. This workshop includes Information sheets, words for traditional songs, material to make visuals and CD.)
- **Guarding God's Word** (teaching verses, Biblical base and methods, verse visuals, gestures and games.)
- **How to Prepare and Teach a Bible Lesson** (how to develop a Bible lesson and choose and teach a goal)
- **Missions in the Heart of God and Children** (how to develop and teach missions in the children's dept. A lesson plan on missions for children is included and presented along with information sheets and patterns.)
- **Talking to God in Prayer** (Teaching children how to have communion and communicate with God.)

I am putting together more Sunday School Kits with curriculum, visuals and handwork for the little churches in the interior of this region and working on a few projects for deputation and church visits in South Brazil, 2014. God loves to stretch us. I'm still getting used to being asked on the spot to share from God's Word, give a testimony or help in part of the service in our little church. Our church does not have a pastor but a church leader (a pastor in the making) so Wilson is often asked to preach or teach. The month the women are in charge of the service they come to me.

People lovingly comment that we manage to squeeze more than 24 hours in a day. Now we are dealing with one more hour in our “day”! We are officially and permanently operating on the same time as Colombia and Peru. Someone forgot to inform the birds of this time difference. They begin chirping (loudly) around 5:30, which is now **4:30**. We get up at 6:00, which is now **5:00**, the stores open when the sun is high and hot and sunset is **6:00 pm** sharp instead of 7:00. We are trying to adjust but Wilson is up and ready to fly at the crack of dawn and church services end around 10:00 pm, so our “day” is very long to say the least.

The first mission team from the USA arrives the end of January and will help construct a church and visit river villages and an Indian tribe. Five mission teams are scheduled to come so far this year and in between teams I would like to begin teaching the specific workshops mentioned above (one at a time of course) ☺. We will take a short furlough and minister in churches in South Brazil from March to the middle of May.



This is Wilson on a normal work day ☺ with jerry cans to fuel up the plane, a hoe to work at the hangar and a bag slung over his shoulder with tools, rain coat and other gadgets. The car is at the shop and since we are “in the middle of the jungle” who knows when they will find the parts to fix it. Now we ride motorcycles or walk, in the sun and the rain like the majority of the people here. By the way, Wilson’s motorcycle is also a project. It cost all of \$250.00 and there is always something to adjust, clean and fix.

What is our day to day life in Benjamin Constant like?

- Wake up early, exercise and have a devotional in the coolest part of the day and enjoy a great breakfast together in the back of our house.
- Shop downtown for groceries (often with the company of a cat or dog at our side... IN the supermarket).
- Stop on the street to greet, counsel and pray with people.
- Do our daily household chores, work on ministry projects, fly.
- Participate in services throughout the week, preach, give seminars and serve.
- Sleep in the peace and joy of the Lord praising God for His many blessings **including each one of you!**

We will celebrate Christmas in our little church here in Benjamin Constant with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We miss our kids, family and you a lot, but it’s always so precious to feel your presence in prayer, support and partnership. The Love of God is awesome and it comes to us through you. ♥

From our home to yours, a very Merry Christmas and most blessed New Year!

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