

Greetings from the heart of the Amazon!

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God tells us to “go and make disciples”. Wilson and I believe it is absolutely essential to work with other missions, ministries and organizations in order to spread the Gospel throughout the Amazon. One of the organizations we partner with is InTouch Ministries. We have gotten to know Larry, their international project manager, and his amazing team of professional photographers and director.

It all began with US soldiers in Afghanistan requesting Bibles. InTouch Ministries helps people get “in touch” with God. They deliver the Gospel message to people around the world who do not have access to a Bible and to those who are unable to read or write. They have developed a special tool called the “**Messenger**”. The Messenger is a “talking Bible” the size of a cell phone that is run by solar power. It can be recharged anywhere, anytime throughout the day and tells the wonderful message of God’s love and Salvation as God’s Word is narrated from Genesis through Revelation. It also begins with special messages from Charles Stanley, the founder of this ministry. They often show the Jesus movie in connection with their ministries as well. Donations to this project provide Messengers to missionaries, pastors and chaplains around the world at no cost so they can distribute God’s Word to those in need.



Pam and Marty’s team (the one that came from IL the end of January) most graciously made room in their luggage to bring 800 messengers! While they were here, Larry and his team met us in the Indian village. They distributed messengers in São João de Veneza and São Luis and did some filming. It was so awesome for all of us to have a small part in helping deliver this tremendous tool so these people will be able to hear God’s Word and have the opportunity to respond to His Message! They ministered together with us for two days. What a blessing to share in sweet fellowship and serve the Lord together!



God is using the Messenger to open doors in areas that are closed to the Gospel. After the IL team left, Wilson flew Larry and his team to the Ticuna Indian village called Santa Rosa where they gave a Messenger to each family and showed the Jesus movie in the Ticuna language. Wilson landed in another village called Novo Extremo, a place where the airplane had never landed before. The people were skeptical and not very receptive wondering just why these men were there. The team began sharing and building relationships.

After two hours, the men started warming up to Wilson, Larry and crew and they had the opportunity to show them the Messengers. It was amazing to see how excited they were to all of sudden hear God’s Word in their own language! When the team presented a Messenger to the leader of the cross cult that dominates that area, he was so thrilled and thankful for this special gift that he agreed to let the team use their church to show the Jesus movie during their next visit!



We will continue partnering with InTouch Ministries helping them reach isolated tribes throughout this area. Their next goal is taping and distributing the New Testament in the Maioruna language since the translation of the Old Testament is not yet complete. For their latest updates, visit intouch.org/messenger.



Wilson did a clinic trip (2 hour flight) this month flying three men from São Paulo; Marcelo, a dentist, Cassiano, a missionary anthropologist and Wagner, a businessman to isolated Indian villages. We were blessed to house these men before and after the flight. Marcelo was able to treat 75 people of different ethnic groups from Peru, Colombia and Brazil. In five days' time he extracted a total of 119 teeth and did 17 dental restorations and fillings. This was a new Indian area where the Gospel has not yet been preached. Besides building relationships, they were able to hold one service. They also provided dental care for Christian Indian leaders at the Bible seminary and Cassiano gave leadership training seminars.



Cassiano, Wagner, Marcelo



Ready for takeoff!



Arriving at one of the villages...



...nestled in the jungle.



The kids are always a special joy!



Time to get to work! Marcelo, Cassiano and Wagner have their hands full!



There was no room in our little plane for dental chairs. The kids were so brave, the dentist so gentle.



This village can only be reached by boat. We work closely with Marco, a Christian Maioruna Indian leader. He was our contact and paved the way for Wilson and the guys to enter the villages in this area.



Wilson sharing God's Word through an interpreter. Cassiano administering a leadership training seminar.

As Paul says in Romans 10: "1. Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation...¹⁴ How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

Our desire is to be God's faithful witnesses, representing you in Brazil. Your partnership in the ministries here helps us to reach the unreached people's groups throughout the Amazon. It is what upholds us, encourages us, supplies our needs and blesses us each and every day! **Wilson and I will be in South Brazil from March through the middle of May for a long awaited mission deputation to visit supporters and supporting churches, family and friends. In April all three of our kids will come down with their spouses for a time of family fun and fellowship. We haven't seen them in two years and we are all counting the days! ☺**

*Our special thanks for your love, prayers and support!
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