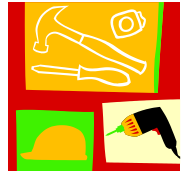




The moment we arrived back in the Amazon we received and awaited visitors. We had an awesome but short time with Ken Debelak (brother-in-law) in Manaus where Wilson and I both had physicals. As soon as we arrived home, we met up with Ken and Mary Palmer, who are mission team leaders from Riverside Church in Peoria, IL. They have partnered with us for eighteen years constructing 17 churches in river villages when we were in Manaus.

After researching our new field of ministry for four days they are excitedly planning to bring a team next year. Jennifer Navas and her son will come the 6th and stay one and a half weeks to help Pr. Edgardo and his wife Corina from Islândia, Peru with their preschool and check into the possibility of implanting a meal program to feed her students. The 21st we will be welcoming a mission team of ten from Faith Bible Church in WI. This will be their first time working together with us. They will be building a church in an Indian tribe.



We have faced several challenges since our return...

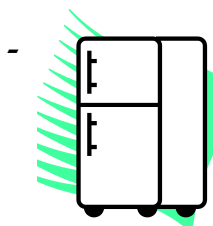
- We are almost finished with the renovation of the mission boat which will be used for mission teams, evangelism, visits to encourage pastors from river villages and attend their conventions and anniversaries, for hauling building materials for church construction and pipes for digging semi-artesian wells, etc. Today they began painting the boat. Once the renovation and paint job is done, we will



schedule an inspection and give the boat a name. We will then receive a temporary license until the documentation is complete and we have the legal papers in hand.



- *With the help of donations, we are hunting down kitchen utensils, pans and everything necessary to fully equip the kitchen of the boat as well as acquiring all the equipment for the boat itself such as life vests, radio, etc.*



- *There were a few surprises waiting for us when we arrived at home. Our refrigerator stopped working from too much fluctuation in the electricity and reeked of rotten meat, my computer picked up two bad viruses which took a couple of weeks to repair, our house help quit because of an increase in her course load at the university and the missionary couple we were counting on to partner with us in the area of aviation decided to pursue other ministries.*



God is great and all powerful. He is above all things whether it be big or small. He always has the answers to our problems. God tells us in His Word...

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus!"

Philippians 4:6,7

We are so thankful to the Lord for the life we have in Christ and for the privilege of being called his children. The rest are all just things that help us do His work and He is in control. We are so glad that even if we live in a little river town, where some would consider "the end of the world" or the boonies, we were still able to find someone to fix the fridge and computer. We hired a missionary daughter here in town to help us three mornings a week. The house is big and we often house missionaries and Christian workers in transit and also hold all my teacher training workshops and seminars here. Anna plans to marry sometime soon, is a student at the local university and really needs the extra income. What a blessing to be able to invest in the life of a sister in Christ! As for ministry partners, we are confident that God will send others to work together with us and are already rejoicing that Ben and Jessica have now joined Pioneer missions and are already taking the necessary steps to join us in the near future!

In the middle of all these challenges, God has blessed us with His presence and power. Wilson is so glad to work on ministry projects and preach in church services in town once again and I am busy putting together Sunday school kits and preparing to train more teachers. We are both working on preparations for the upcoming mission trips. (end of June and beginning of August).

God gave us an unexpected blessing this month. Through our letters, one ministry partner saw our difficulty transporting things back and forth such as aviation gas and team luggage. Our car is still in the shop waiting for a few more parts (13 months), but even when that is fixed, it's hard to load up the car with those types of things. We often use trucks in town but with all the frequent trips it was getting very expensive. This brother in Christ was touched by God to send us funds to purchase the motorcycle/truck you see below. When we arrived in Benjamin Constant it took us four motorcycle trips to do our first shopping for household supplies and food. Now this amazing gift will help our daily life at home and at work!

We praise the Lord that He supports us through you, our ministry partners. We are brothers and sisters in Christ serving together and watching God at work every day. Thank you for joining us in the ministries here to the Gospel can reach the "ends of the Earth"!

*Praying for God's richest blessings for you and your family,
Lori and Wilson*

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