

What is one of the most rewarding privileges we have as Christians?

# Investing in the lives of others...



**This is Amarildo and Elina.** Amarildo is a man of God from our local congregation training to be a church leader. Elina is a school teacher in a small rural community called Grajarí around eight miles from Benjamin Constant. For much of the year, due to the rains, the dirt road is impassible and it's impossible to reach this little community. On weekends Elina comes into town to attend our church. There is no church in Grajarí. The kids in her class at school see how excited she is to go to church every week even when she has to walk, wading through mud to get there and back. It often takes her at least three hours one way. They feel her passion for the Lord, her desire to honor Him and have often asked her **"What is church?" "What's it like?" "Tell us more!"**

Recently married, Amarildo and Elina both have a deep desire to reach these people with the Gospel and start a church. God allowed

Wilson and I to give some marriage counseling and help in discipling them. Elina just finished the 2 mo. teacher-training course I administered and she can't wait to begin working with the children, adolescents and youth in Grajarí.



It's dry season this time of year and for three weeks Wilson, along with his worker and other men from our church have tried to reach Grajarí with a truck load of brick, cement, wood and other materials to help them build a church. Every time the guys made plans to go in, it rained. Finally, after three weeks, they were able to load up the truck and head out. It poured, half way there, the truck got stuck and they were forced to unload it at the house of one of the locals on the way and walk back in the rain. Wilson came home soaked... his shoes and pants caked with mud and muck. We've been trying to build this church for over a year now.



God never said it would be easy but He commanded us to “GO” and preach the Word to all nations and make disciples of all peoples. **Investing in the lives of others for God’s Kingdom is such a privilege, such an honor! Just think, we (YOU) get to be a part of it all!**

## The Youth...

Benjamin Constant does not have much to offer young people in the way of wholesome activities. Our “Mall” consists of a few little stores along the river bank. We have two tiny ice cream shops and one local bakery makes pizza. There is no Movie Theater, Bowling alley, Miniature Golfing or Amusement Park. The river water is muddy and polluted. Jobs are scarce and most youth have no resources for video games or computers. There is so much coming at them from every side. We seriously doubt that even 25% are pure by the age of 18 and other than studies, there isn’t much “future” to offer them here. Most live in simple wooden homes and churches are one-room small structures. It’s hard to find adequate space for them to gather together and have some fun. Wilson and I are trying to put together youth activities once a month for two congregations combined. In August we had a wiener roast (their first!) with a seminar and games. Last month we had a “Night out at the movies” with popcorn and a game. We were able to get a copy of the movie “**God is NOT dead!**” 60 adolescents, teens and young adults showed up! As they left, one teenage girl texted the phrase “God is not dead” to one of her teachers. The teacher texted back, “How do you know?” The girl sent the following message: “Because He lives inside me”! These young people know that every activity, everything we do will be with a **PURPOSE...** to grow in God and live to honor Him.

To be honest, when we came to this town and I first saw the house Wilson found (the **ONLY** one available) all I could say was “What were you thinking? Now that it’s just the two of us you get a bigger house than we ever had before?! Who’s going to clean it?” (My practical side coming out). Wilson thinks BIG, but this was, well, “over the top” you might say. God’s ways are definitely higher than our ways and with the huge, closed-in area in the back of our house I am able to give teacher training courses and workshops in a place that is neutral so I can invite churches from all over town (And I don’t have to take all my materials out in the rain on the motorcycle to some other location), the pastor holds meetings here with his leaders and staff at times, we have had gatherings and mission teams eating out back and now we have the space to work with youth occasionally. We praise the Lord for all the resources He has given us, much of it through you, and we trust God constantly to help us use them wisely!

## God is full of surprises...

The middle of October we had the wonderful privilege of being invited to participate in a special mission Sunday at Riverside Community Church in Peoria, IL. They so graciously paid our airfare and allowed us the honor of speaking and preaching in both Sunday services. They are ministry partners and have already sent mission teams to minister together with us and others in Manaus for many years. Recently they lovingly gathered together the resources necessary to renovate, paint and make major repairs on the new mission boat here in Benjamin Constant. They plan to send two mission teams in 2015... one to Manaus and one to our area. What an amazing precious time we had sharing, enjoying a great time of fellowship and worshipping the Lord together. **Our very special thanks to the Lord and to Pr. John King and the Riverside Community Church family for the funds for the mission boat which**

provides us with the means to reach the people here for Christ along the many rivers and tributaries. Thank you for gifting us with this trip and time together with you all!

## God's blessings are abundant!



*Mr. and Mrs.  
Joanna & Derek Sukup*



*Jim & Jaci Narwold  
with their daughter.*

During our stay in the USA, we were blessed to attend the wedding of one of my nieces, Joanna, enjoying a unique and awesome time with several family members, a visit each one of our "kids"... and grandpups ☺ We also had the chance to visit with mission team leaders from a few of our supporting churches. **We praise God for this whirlwind of wonderful memory making moments.**



*Julie and Jéssica - WI*



*Autumn - after 30 years... indescribable!*



*Joshua and Leighann - MN*

**Hugs from all of us to you, Wilson and Lori Kannenberg and Family**

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