

Wilson and I received so many congratulations on the birth of our first grandbaby, Lucas. ☺ We want to thank each one of you for the encouraging messages and love sent our way! They are all doing great.



## God moves in mighty ways!

This is **Luziete and Isaías**, a retired couple from Manaus. Last November, Wilson preached at our home church there and shared about what God is doing in the Javari River Valley expressing our great need for more help. A pastor's wife from church listened intently and passed the word along to her sister Luziete. That one small spark ignited a deep desire in Luziete and Isaías' hearts to obey God's call, leave everything behind (including kids, grandkids, relatives, home, etc.) and come serve God in our area. Twenty years ago, they served and led several church ministries in a couple of river villages here. Their love for the people and their excitement to go wherever God leads is awesome. Luziete and Isaías stayed with us for one month until their few belongings arrived and we were able to evaluate the situation and trust God to show us the best place for them to serve.

They love living the simple life in the "boonies". **So where are they now?** In a little river village called Prosperidade "Prosperity" (4 hr. boat trip away) where many of the people still remember them. God's blessings are abundant. **What are they doing?** They are leading the local church and visiting other river communities nearby. In only a couple of weeks, God has answered many prayers. Two people were healed and an old boat motor started. The youth are back in the church and are active once again. Luziete held a special service for Mother's Day in two communities. Since they are retired and don't need church offerings to support them, they were able to use those funds to purchase materials for a new roof for the church and a bathroom for the "children's dept.". They scheduled a special month of prayer for June and already they are enjoying visits with people in the community who are taking excellent care of them providing them with fruits from the village, fish, etc. We praise God for this loving, amazing couple who heard God's call, accepted the challenge wholeheartedly and are being used by God in so many powerful ways!

Wilson and I love Andrew. It's impossible not to. His life is overflowing with God's love and he is 100% dedicated to being all that God wants him to be and to go wherever God leads. He is prepared to face death for the cause of Christ and has a passion for reaching isolated Indian tribes with the Gospel. Andrew is the missionary that Wilson flew into a Marubu Indian tribe last year with a personal invitation in hands signed by the chief and the entire tribe. We asked you for special prayer last year because a charge was filed against him and Wilson and the Federal Police were obligated to file suit. Andrew stopped by today bubbling over with the wonderful news



that his case is closed and his name completely cleared of any wrongdoing or scandal. Recently, Wilson and Andrew did a few research flights. We praise God using him in such a mighty way to reach the lost for Christ.

Wilson was a guest speaker at a pastor/leader's conference in Iquitos, Peru for several days together with Pr. Edgardo. What a blessing to sit in on seminars and meet with missionaries and pastors. The last day, his fanny pack was missing from his suitcase and he is now in the process of



requesting all new documents, credit cards, etc. He was planning on purchasing construction materials in Iquitos since it's so much cheaper but was no longer able to do so. We don't know why God allowed this to happen, especially after such a spiritual high at the conference, but we belong to Him along with all that we have. The enemy wants to discourage us any way he can, but God is still in control! Wilson went to Manaus for a week to do his pilot's physical, get the renewed plane license and work on requesting his personal documents and paying fees. He also set up a meeting to finalize a contract of partnership with the church in Manaus for terms of use and upkeep of the mission barge.

## Life in the Amazon Rain Forest

The rains are just beginning to recede. Downtown Benjamin has been completely flooded for over two months now. Suspended sidewalks are everywhere. Small tributaries all over town are filled with floating garbage that has overflowed onto the streets. Our town has become one big sewer!



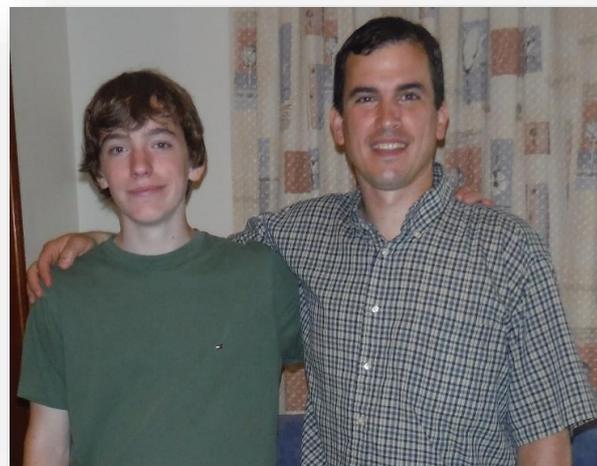
It will be a colossal mess to clean up. Our street is one of the few main streets left and has nonstop traffic day and night. The roads that are still in use haven't been repaired in years and many of those are now impassible with mud and muck. Food and supplies



are being shipped in by barge as always, although flood victims are receiving basic "food baskets" as well. Many families have temporarily moved in with relatives or are staying in pensions. Continue to pray that God will meet the needs of these people both physical and spiritual!

With all the rain, I took advantage to work on ministry projects here at home. I am finalizing the preparation of 8 new Sunday School Kits providing excellent teaching material and visuals for close to 3 years through a round robin system of exchanging kits between churches every four months. Mission groups have blessed us with flannel graph kits and I am making lessons plans in Portuguese for each lesson complete with goal, Bible story, songs, handwork pages, verses, activities, etc. There are only 178 lessons (ha) and I hope to have at least 50 done before we leave for the USA in July since four of these kits are already in use. One teacher, Elina, came over every weekend this month so we could work on cutting and organizing her flannel graph kit together. What an awesome tool to teach kids God's Word and show them the way to Christ!

**Pastor Ryan and his son Zachery just arrived and we are really looking forward to serving together with them.** Zachery is 15, but is already training to be a missionary pilot and has several flight hours logged. Pr. Ryan will stay with us one week and Zachery will be here until we leave for furlough.



**These past three years have literally flown by ☺ and it's time to return to the USA to minister in supporting churches, visit ministry partners and spend time with family and friends. Wilson and I will be in the USA from July-September.** We hope to send a phone number for contact sometime soon and our agenda. We can't wait to see our kids, meet Lucas for the first time, go to a family reunion and fellowship with YOU, our ministry partners and church families! See you soon!

**God's Richest Blessings,  
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