

1st Conference - Seminary Training by Extension!

The first module of *seminary training by extension* took place the end of April in *Islândia, Peru*. Several church leaders and pastors came in from river villages as far as *Japón* and *Santa Teresa* (where we built churches with mission teams last year), a 13 hr. trip using little canoes with small motors. **Pr. Henrique** came with his family along with the pastor from *Iauma*, leader of the church we built in March. The wives are also encouraged to participate as much as possible since we believe that God does not extend his call just to the pastor. It involves the entire family!



Opening service. Youth from our church singing “There is no God like Jehovah”!

Participants and their families were responsible for travel expenses (gas for their boats), but once they arrived, everything else was provided. God opened doors to cover other expenses through volunteer cooks, inexpensive housing (a man in town offered a house he is building for a small amount) and volunteer Bible teachers including Wilson, Pr. Edgardo and Evangelist Maurilio. **Seminary Teachers and Praise Leader...**



Pr. Edgardo



Pra. Corina-Praise Leader



Pr. Wilson



Evangelist Maurilio

Twenty-four leaders/pastors enrolled in this training, but four contracted *malária* right before the conference and couldn't come. Once Pr. Edgardo's new church/seminary training center is built, there will be space to enough to house the families there. Some stay with relatives in town. We are strongly urging these families to bring foods they have available in their villages to help with expenses in the future including wild meat, dried fish, manioc, manioc flour, etc. We are a community, a family and we need to support and uplift one another.



Men and women leaders studying God's Word!

There are fourteen classes each module. Class content will focus first and foremost on how to minister to the church in LOVE for without love we are nothing; we gain nothing. (I Cor.13) and through personal testimony, being a living testimony of a loving God. God wants them to be a shining light in the darkness where they serve! They need to know that being a pastor/leader is not a position, it's a call.

We will also focus on **salvation** (what it really is and how to share the Gospel message with others), **consecration, holiness and prayer life**. They will learn practical ways to edify and disciple the people in the village, and will study the

Pr. Henrique & family, leader, us, Pr. Jorge, Edgardo & Corina books of the Bible in depth, learn how to study and interpret God's Word and how to teach and preach. We will also cover subjects such as personal and church finances, ordinances of the church, community and health among others. This training will take place in Islândia once every four months during a weekend. One of us plans to visit them in their villages bi-quarterly to offer encouragement and support. Please continue to pray with us that God will give wisdom and direction as we disciple these leaders.



Hospitality

Recently, we housed missionaries **Doug and Lydia Caudill** and their two children, **Jubilee and Ryan (bubby)**, for a week. They are seeking God's direction for the possibility of serving in this area in the near future. It was wonderful getting to know them, show them the area, talk about ministry possibilities and answer their questions. Please continue to pray that God will send missionaries who can partner with us as the ministries are expanding.



The Dynamic Teacher

The two-month teacher-training course, **The Dynamic Teacher**, ended the last week of May. I don't think I ever had such an enthusiastic group! Many of them showed up an hour early!! They were all so excited to learn teaching methods, classroom management, lesson preparation, characteristics of the basic age groups and how to evangelize and disciple children. It's a hands-on, workshop type of course with a lot of participation from the teachers. We learn by doing and this group of twenty-three teachers did a **FANTASTIC** job!



This past month we had the youth choreography group over to watch the movie **The Prayer Room**. On Sunday they gave a theatrical presentation at a church in town and Wilson showed a movie on God's purpose for us from creation to Christ. It's so awesome to see these teens and young adults in action.



Family...

It's always hard to be far from family and friends. Our skype is not working well and the internet is even worse, but we praise God that somehow, we are still able to keep in touch several times week with each one of our "kids" and grandson.



Joshua and Leighann are doing well and enjoying life in Dallas, TX. Now we have three "grandpups". Meet **Luna**, the newest member of our family ☺! As **Director of Front Desk Operations at the Hilton Hotel** in Dallas, Joshua is faced with many new challenges. He has already learned so much and loves working with a team of about 70 people. Leighann works at Hilton Corporate and was just promoted to the position of **Team Lead Revenue Manager**. She loves new challenges, training others and has tons of initiative. They both do such an excellent job.



Brandon just finished his first year of **nursing** at OSF. He ended the year with great standing and excellent grades and has only one more year to go. Over the summer, Brandon will continue working as a **professional care giver** for a teenage boy with cerebral palsy. **Julie** is Nurse Educator for Neuro ICU at OSF hospital. She was unanimously nominated and won the nursing excellence award for **Transformational Leadership Indirect Clinical Care Provider**.

Ben, Jessica and Lucas have traveled to several different states recently visiting supporters, speaking in churches and church groups and trusting God to provide the rest of their mission support to come to Brazil as full time missionaries. Most likely they will be able to head this way in August or September. They continue to take opportunities to attend mission conferences, etc. in preparation for the mission field.



We love each one from the depths of our hearts and are so proud of all of their accomplishments. The most important thing of all is to know they love the Lord and actively seek to honor Him with their lives. This is what truly makes it a joy to remain on the field... just knowing God is caring for our family so faithfully!

Wilson and I want to thank you for upholding our family and the ministries here through your love, prayers and support. We are so blessed by YOU! It's also an honor for us to bring you and your family before the Lord in prayer, trusting Him to meet your needs and direct your steps too. 😊

*Love and Hugs from us all,
Wilson and Lori*



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