

# Happy Thanksgiving

November, 2017

**“Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift.”**

Exactly what is this “unspeakable gift”? It’s the gift of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross to save us from our sins and made it possible for us to have an abundant life through the power of the Holy Spirit and life everlasting with God the Father (3 in 1). **This amazing gift should be the source of our Thankfulness and Joy!** God says, **“Taste and see that the Lord is GOOD!”** So as we gather together this month to celebrate Thanksgiving, besides that incredibly delicious turkey and stuffing, cranberry sauce and marshmallow sweet potatoes or mashed potatoes, may we truly “Taste and see that the Lord is GOOD” in ALL things and at ALL times. ☺



Greetings from Brazil... Or at least from half of us! You have heard from me (Lori) often this past month since I have been in the USA to help care for our daughter Julie, who had a health crisis and was diagnosed with TMJ (Temporal Mandibula Joint Disorder/Jaw). So many prayed and God in His goodness and grace has brought healing and strength. I will remain in Peoria, IL until the end of November and head back to TX for two days before returning home. If any one wishes to contact me, some dear friends loaned me a phone. The number is: (309) 740-6308.

So, what’s the “better half” of me been doing? Wilson has been running a “marathon” so to speak, together with our mission team, of activities and projects this past month. They spent a good part of a week cleaning out the shop area of the hangar, having the floor tiled and then finally getting down to business to organize it. It’s not very big, but now the shelves are filled with all the equipment from both boats, plane parts, Sunday School material, etc. There is a new section with an office space and “print shop” where we will be able to focus on translation and Gospel literature for evangelizing and discipling Indian tribes. Andrew and Ben have been working on most of that.

A special pilot friend of ours, Allen Yoder, together with a new missionary couple from south Brazil, came for several days to help with a major inspection and maintenance on the plane. Heronn is also a



pilot/mechanic and his wife, Ana Paula is a dentist. They both love being involved with children’s ministries. Jessica was instrumental in hostessing the team for lunch and everyone enjoyed her afternoon snacks. They worked hard. They had one 13-hr. day. What a blessing to see the plane flying once again. Lucas loved the test flight! Andrew and Wilson are already planning flights to reach and contact several completely isolated tribes. Please pray for God’s protection and guidance.

The team recently went by boat to a little village called Santa Luzia to hold a special service. Some team

members sang and led the worship, Jessica shared a word of encouragement and Wilson had the privilege of giving the message. Lucas thoroughly enjoyed the service and sang his little heart out during praise time! 😊. Chloe slept through the entire service! They also held a special service in the church in Islândia, Peru in recognition of Pr. Edgardo and Corina for their years of service. They welcomed Pr. Jefferson and his wife as the new pastor as well.



Jessica sharing an encouraging word.



Pr. Edgardo and Corina will be moving to Cavalo Cocha, Peru in January to minister in the church there.

Wilson spent the better part of one week in Manaus meeting with key pastors to solidify more and more the church planting ministries in our area, especially in Peru. We want to be sure these new churches are being held accountable and accompanied by church leadership and that the pastors are being disciplined, encouraged and are receiving seminary training along the way.

We want to thank you all for your fervent prayers for release of the smaller speed boat that arrived a couple of months ago. It has finally left the port and is ready to be shipped by barge to Benjamin! (Can you see all of us jumping up and down?!) **So many things to be Thankful for and so many answers to prayer!! YOU are an integral part of all we do and we praise the Lord every day for your partnership.**

The mission team in Benjamin is growing. Wilson just extended an invitation to Heronn and Ana Paula to join us in reaching the lost for Christ along the Brazilian, Peruvian and Columbian borders. It looks like there is a possibility of them coming as soon as July after Heronn finishes the rest of his pilot's training. Pray with us that God will show each one of us: Kannenbergs, Spicers, Andrew, the Caudills and now this new couple, His specific purpose and plan for reaching the unreached through church planting, evangelism, discipleship and seminary training for pastors and leaders. Pray that God would unify our efforts, helping us to work together and use our specific God given gifts to serve and obey Him.

**Thank you for blessing us with your love, prayers and support,**

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