

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DECEMBER 2017

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a SAVIOR which is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:11

Christmas is almost here! It's hard to know quite when the season begins, with Christmas commercials bombarding us the last couple of months, stores filled with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations, all in the same aisle, and snowflakes fluttering down from the sky as early as mid-October. With all the hubbub and excitement, it's good to remember that the first Christmas came unexpectedly on a quiet, peaceful, starlit night surrounded with the gentle braying of animals and the anticipation of waiting for the Promised One to arrive. Little did the world know at the time that this Savior, Jesus Christ, would change the world for all of eternity, one person at a time! We may have a Christmas “season”, but Jesus is the reason we get to celebrate Christmas ALL YEAR LONG! We have so many reasons to celebrate this month...

Wilson met with key pastors in Manaus to work on solidifying the church planting ministries in Peru. He was approved by church leadership in Manaus to oversee church planting efforts in Peru and went to Lima to get a permanent visa so he can sign church related papers and documents in the future. This will enable us to better accompany these churches, preparing and providing pastors and giving them seminary training, discipleship and encouragement along the way.

This is me... dressed for winter... the 1st time in many years. After thoroughly



enjoying the magnificence, beauty and vibrant colors of Fall and experiencing the incredible aromas, flavors and fellowship of Thanksgiving, winter has finally arrived. I have to admit, it's **COLD** out there! I'm so thankful that once Julie began recovering, we walked almost every day along the river banks of the Illinois river until almost mid-October. When Julie went back to work, I enjoyed giving her a hand with some Fall housecleaning, visiting a few friends and getting back to business preparing Children's Bible Lesson Plans in Portuguese.



Grandmothers are allowed to “dote” aren't they? How I missed these two little bundles of love while I was in the USA. I'm looking forward to seeing Lucas and Chloe in just 2 days!

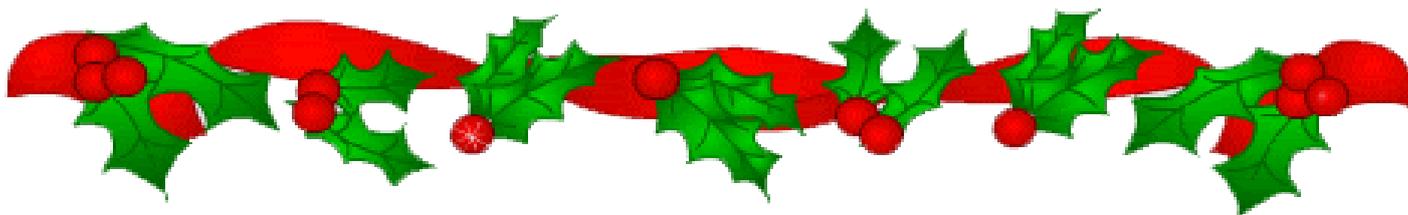


Dec. 3rd, I will be arriving back home in Brazil. I'm so thankful for the special time God gave me with Julie and Brandon and Joshua and Leighann. We saw God work through Julie's illness in mighty ways and many prayers were answered. How grateful we are to God for your support during this time! Julie is finally working full time. The mouth brace is helping her to sleep better and relieves tension and pain. What a blessing to see her smiling once again.

The 5th-9th, Wilson and I will be in Manaus for the 100-year celebration of the church there. We will accompany and help transport the two guest speakers; Pr. Paul Randerson, from England and Pr. John King (together with mission committee member Ken Palmer), from Riverside Community Church in Peoria, IL to and from the services and seminars. We will also be representing the mission aviation department of the church during the convention.



I guess it's ok for grandpas to dote too. Just look at that proud grandpa! 😊 This will be our first Christmas with family in 10 years and we are really looking forward to spending it with the Spicer's and our mission team as we celebrate the Lord's birth together in churches in Peru and Benjamin Constant.



Christmas is a time of celebration, a time of rejoicing in the birth of our Savior. The mission team in Benjamin have been making preparations and plans to celebrate Christ's birth in special Christmas programs in Santa Luzia, Santa Teresa, Buen Sucesso, possibly Japón and Islândia.

Wilson and I want to send you are warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas. We are so blessed that God chose you to be our ministry partners! 😊 We praise God for every prayer ushered, for every support gift and project gift received, for the friendship and fellowship we share and most of all, for the privilege we have of serving God together! We look forward to seeing some of you come down on mission trips and to help give seminary training next year. Until now, one trip with our supporting churches is confirmed. God knows the needs. It's so awesome to see how He meets those needs through YOU!

All our love and hugs, Wilson and Lori

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