

Greetings from south Brazil!

April, 2018

Ministry Partners

This past month has been a whirlwind of activity and blessings. During our last two trips to south Brazil, we had the awesome privilege of spending precious time with Wilson's folks and caring for his dad before God called him home. It's been years since we have been able to visit several of our ministry partners. This trip we got to see almost all of them, including three of our supporting churches. 😊 What a tremendous time we had visiting and fellowshiping together. Here are just a few of our ministry partners in Brazil, two of which we hadn't seen for a very long time...



Family Fun

God prepared a special surprise for us this year. Joshua, Leighann and two of their friends came to spend a few weeks with us! It was GREAT to have Matthew and Chris as part of the family. We enjoyed the most beautiful weather we can ever remember; warm, sunny days with amazing, bright blue skies... perfect for trips to see the sights and visit sandy beaches...



...a perfect way to celebrate my 60th birthday!

Wilson and I thoroughly enjoyed being "tourists" while taking Matt and Chris to various lookout points, famous beaches, etc. Here we are in the sky tram overlooking the beautiful city of Balneario, Camboriú...



Chris and Matt got a great taste of Brazilian cuisine: ("churrasco"-Brazilian barbecue, churros (a delicious beachside treat), pure sugar cane juice, coconut juice, pão de queijo (famous cheese breads made out of manioc flour), round robin pizza, Brazilian beans and rice, great homemade meals, etc.) They also got an excellent taste of Brazilian culture, living and fellowshiping with Wilson's mom and family. Among the many "firsts" they experienced while here, Chris was thrilled to see the ocean for the very first time! 😊



Wilson and I enjoyed every moment with Joshua and Leighann, Chris and Matt, Wilson's mom and family members. It's so awesome that even though we are missionaries, which often means we live a world away from our kids and family, God provides these special times to be together, be family and enjoy one another! We are still in awe that God chose to send Ben and Jessica to the mission field and has allowed us to serve and minister together and have the amazing privilege of being grandparents to Lucas and Chloe. It's a tremendous blessing to have them carry on the ministries while we are away. **We praise God for helping us all to connect in so many amazing ways over the years.**



Another highlight was spending time with Wilson's mom and members of his family. Wilson's mom is doing well and rejoicing in God's mercies each and every day. She is in great health and enjoys reading, learning more about God through Christian programming, working in her garden, crocheting (She blessed me with one of her beautiful doilies) and afternoon tea with family and friends. She has a servant's heart and upholds us all daily with her fervent prayers. She still loves to pamper us with her amazing foods and desserts. Some of our favorites are her beans, farofa (fried manioc flour with bacon), deliciously prepared meats, coffee cakes (pineapple, banana, etc.) and homemade pudding covered in sauces made from fresh fruits such as grapes, figs and peaches. We prepared meals together, but her contributions were always mouth-watering. **Iolanda you are an amazing example of a Godly woman. We love you from the bottoms of our hearts!**



Iolanda, You shine for Jesus in all you do!



Mom – Grandma – Great Grandma... You're the BEST!

Asas de Socorro Mission Conference



Wilson and I also had the privilege of attending the Asas de Socorro (Wings of Help) mission conference this past month. When we arrived in Anápolis, Goiás, we had a great time staying and visiting with two of our ministry partners and sharing in a supporting church. What a wonderful time of fellowship we had with our church family there. Our time was very short, but we were so thankful that Wilson was able to do his pilot's medical exam and check flight (since they no longer offer that in Manaus). We were also able to participate in the day-long meetings at mission headquarters the day before the conference.



The conference was a special time to reconnect with other veteran missionaries, get to know new missionaries and share in wonderful fellowship with one another and with the Lord. There was even a "Hawaiian Banquet" one night! We are renewed and ready to head back to



the field (April 2nd). We will continue to work on ministry projects (making trusses for churches, preparing another house to receive a new missionary couple, teacher training and related projects, etc.) and are making preparations for three mission trips.

Wilson and I want to send you our special thanks for all your prayers and support for us and the ministries throughout the Amazon, Brazil. We are so blessed that you are an integral part of all we do! ☺

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