

God has richly blessed us through YOU!

August, 2018

I (Lori) was invited to a church recently to teach about missions in a special children's service. What an awesome, joyful evening with over 80 present. I taught the lesson "The Airplane and Missions" (my special thanks to Randy and Pat!) and challenged teachers and kids alike to be God's witnesses to all nations. The kids were so attentive and interactive. We all learned a LOT!



The teachers from this same church came over to our house every Friday for one month to work on cutting out a flannelgraph kit that a mission team brought down.



The teachers also have a pin drive of the 200+ complete lesson plans I made in Portuguese. With this amazing resource, the kids will learn Bible lessons and verses about God from Genesis through Revelation for more than 3 years!! YEAH GOD!

Mission trip with New Life Church - Morton, IL

What an awesome trip and time we had with this team of eight from **New Life Christian Church in Morton, IL!** Team leader **Marilee** and her husband **Rob**, (To our right) along with **Bryce, Frank, Brady, Tara, Olivia** and **Tracy** (from left to right – Tracy took this picture) arrived excited and ready to serve the Lord in three different villages;



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São João, Brazil (where we preach and minister every two weeks), **Islândia, Peru**, (where the men worked on rebuilding the old church that will be used for children's and music ministries), and an Indian village called **Lauro Saudré**, to uplift and encourage Pr. Nestor. Here is Marilee and Rob enjoying their river trip to the first village. (left)

São João, Brazil ...

Try walking on these suspended sidewalks!



Watching and participating in a volleyball game.



The service in São João was held on the front porch while close to 50 kids packed out the kitchen in the back. 😊 We had an amazing time of praise and worship, shared the Word-less Book lesson and handed out beaded bracelets.



Children's Church



Women's devotional and craft time in Islândia Marilee, Tara, Lori, Tracy and Jessica. (Our special thanks to Olivia who played with the kids!)

The team shared testimonies and sang in five church services throughout the week, ministered to the children in all three villages and had **women's devotional/craft times with Tara (middle)** in two villages.

We all had the opportunity to teach Bible lessons and dental hygiene to the kids and give them fluoride treatments, fit the elderly with reading glasses and visit the homes to hand out Gospel tracts and pray with some of the families...



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

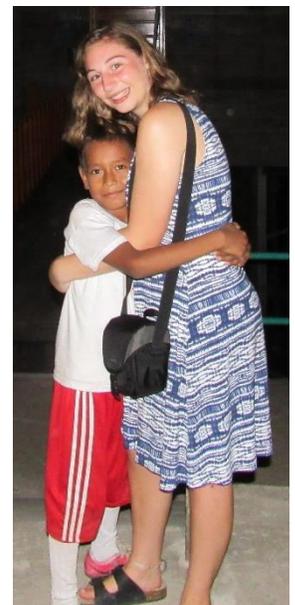
Teaching dental hygiene, giving fluoride treatments, praise times, participating in Bible lessons and activity pages, fun and games.



Marilee, Ben and Tara handing out reading glasses...



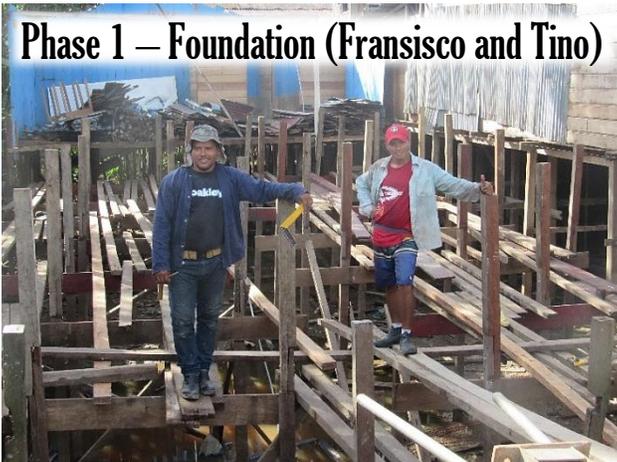
Some amazing relationships were built that week! The kids stuck to Olivia, Bryce and Brady like magnets. They felt loved and secure as God's love poured through each team member. This little boy attached himself to Olivia for dear life and was overcome with emotion to receive a love he has never had at home. He was so starved for love and attention and so sad to think of them leaving, it was hard not to seriously consider adopting him!



We spent most of the week in **ISLÂNDIA, PERU** rebuilding their old church, which will be used for the Children's Department and Music Ministries. It will also be used to house pastors/leaders and their families when they come in for extensive seminary training a couple times a year.



The team worked **HARD** to help rebuild the old church in Islândia, Peru. The first phase was to lay a good foundation since this church is suspended six meters over the river for six months out of the year. The team helped to carry all the wood from the riverfront to the church site. The **LONG** wooden beams they carried weighed over 100 lbs.! It was very hard work under a scorching hot sun, but they persevered, and all the boards were at the church site, the cross beams put in place and the floor nailed in before we left! It wasn't easy pounding the nails into that extremely hard wood.



Phase 1 – Foundation (Fransisco and Tino)



Phase 2 – Laying the cross beams



Frank, Rob, Bryce & Brady – Great job guys!



Phase 3 – Nailing in the floor boards

The last day of our trip we visited a Ticuna Indian village called Lauro Saudré to encourage Pr. Nestor. It was a delight to once again work with the kids and have a time of sharing and crafts with the women. After the children's program, we had a great time of fun and games. Ben took charge of the youth and taught them how to fly frisbees 😊. There was a wonderful time of praise and testimonies in the evening service. We were all blessed by Wilson's short, yet powerful message.

Evening service in Lauro Saudré



It was unfortunate that during this last service, our boat was robbed. Wilson had informed the cooks that under no circumstances should they both leave the boat at the same time. For some reason they decided to attend the service together. However, for various reasons, several of us made our way to and from the boat throughout the evening and Ben was upstairs with Chole. In the middle of all of that, the thieves found a small window of time to steal! Wilson's backpack was stolen, along with all his money, documents, flash drives, clothes, keys, etc. They also took a few other backpacks, a speaker we use to listen to music on the boat and Chloe's brand-new baby chair. Wilson had a lot of cash in case the boat ran in to trouble and needed minor repairs, along with payment for the crew, since there are no banks in the areas we travel to.

We all ushered fervent prayers while the crew set out to search the area. They found Wilson's documents and flash drives scattered on the ground in the surrounding area, the speaker, a few clothes and two of the other backpacks. Although we did not find everything, we praise God for answered prayer that it was just petty theft. Wilson and I want to express our sincerest thanks to the mission team who lovingly gave us a contribution at the end of their stay to help with the funds that were stolen.

We don't know why God allows things like this to happen. We live in a wicked world. Have any of you ever been to a retreat as a youth and come home all pumped up only to be knocked down as soon as you get home by getting into a fight with your parents or for some other reason? Satan does all he can to destroy our peace and joy, to make us discouraged and want to quit. Serving God comes with a cost. We live in a region where Satan has had a strong foothold for over 500 years. It would be easy to just pack up and go home, but we aren't here for the comfort or the easy way out. We pray for God's strength and wisdom every day to be faithful to His call and reach the unreached throughout the Amazon and Javari River Valley. Yes, sometimes it's very hard, but there is no question that serving God and doing His will is worth any hardships we may face. Thank you for "being there" for us in love, prayers and support of the pastors, missionaries and ministries here. You are such a blessing to us all!

At the end of the week, we gave the team a tour of our city (Benjamin Constant) the hangar, our homes (Kannenberg's and Spicer's). They also spent a couple of hours in Leticia, Colombia to purchase a few things before catching their flight home.

It's been a very busy month, but we praise God for the privilege we have of serving the Lord here and working side by side with YOU, through prayers, support and participation!

May God richly bless you for your obedience and faithfulness to Him!

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