

Greetings from the Amazon!

November 2019

It's been such a joy to partner together with and work alongside new missionaries and see God develop their gifts and talents! This past month, Wilson and Ben made a trip to Santa Luzia. Wilson is still working on the documentation for the collective wedding we held there a while back. New requirements needed to be taken care of so the couples can receive their official wedding certificate. They held a church service that evening. Ben had the wonderful opportunity to share and read the scripture passage. The entire time we were on furlough in the USA, both Ben and Jessica coordinated all the details of one boat trip after another as well leading their own mission team on a trip. We know how overwhelming that can be! It's awesome to see how God is using them in the ministries throughout this region.



***Living in HOLINESS*** was the theme of the women's conference that was held in Pr. Maurilio and Tacila's church in Islândia, Peru recently. It was tremendous to see the participation of members of that church as well as some who came from a church in Benjamin and women from the church in Santa Luzia.



We were challenged and blessed by messages on holiness. Sarah preached on Saturday night, Jessica shared a message on Sunday morning and gave a seminar on specific health issues women face and Wilson closed the conference preaching on holiness Sunday night...



Wilson and I spent a week in Manaus doing our bi-yearly medical check-ups, meeting with church leadership, purchasing Bibles, gathering ministry resources and sharing in churches. Wilson had the wonderful privilege of meeting with the pastor

**president Jonathan Camera** and the two vice-presidents, **Pr. Moises Melo** and **Pr. Elionai Reis** to talk about ministry goals and church expansion in our

region of the Amazon. He also had the special honor once again at the tent church. What a blessing to see four people come forward and give their lives to Christ!



**FAMILY WITHOUT BORDERS HAS BEEN APPROVED!** During the past two years, during our furlough in the USA, Wilson and I have shared what God has laid on our hearts about the vision to help pastors from churches in remote river communities throughout the Amazon to carry out their ministries. We have just been approved by His Harvest Ministries to launch the **"Adopt a Pastor"** program through a new organization called **Family Without Borders**. We want to give you a better understanding of what this is all about and how you can be a part of it!

# **Adopt a Pastor!**

In the past eight years God has allowed us to plant 19 churches in Peru and Brazil through your prayers, partnership and the direct participation with church mission teams. This seems like a lot and we should be content, but we cry when we know there is so much MORE we could do. There are still hundreds of remote river villages and Indian tribes throughout the Amazon where there is no church, no one to tell them about the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, no hope!

Through God's direction, a pastor has been chosen to lead each church. Wilson organizes seminary training modules a couple of times a year to provide training so they can evangelize, disciple and minister to people in remote river communities. These pastors are taught from the very beginning that their church needs to become a "mother church" (as Wilson puts it), taking those they are discipling within their church and reaching out to the 2000 or so people in the surrounding river communities with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ! The goal is to not only evangelize and disciple the villagers in their own community, but to reach out to others in surrounding villages through house visits, Bible studies and "preaching points" so that someday those villages will have a viable Christian church where they too can know God and make Him known! These villages are far enough away that it would not be feasible to regularly attend the "mother church".

In order to carry out this ministry, pastors need funds for gas to visit communities up and down river and to enable them to care for the needs of the church and their families. When people in river communities learn to tithe, they give what they have; manioc, bananas or other fruits and sometimes a very small amount of gas. They normally don't have money, so they barter for items they need. Although we strongly encourage pastors to pitch in and work alongside the villagers in their community gardens, etc., they still need to spend the majority of their time carrying out the responsibilities of the ministry. God has laid it on our hearts to set up an organization to provide support for these pastors to enable them to do just that.

Many of you have already asked us how you can be a part of this? What can YOU do? Through this project, **Adopt a Pastor**, you can help provide monthly support for one of these pastors through the newly founded organization called: **Family without Borders** in partnership with **Harvest Ministries**! We are not able to support a pastor without providing them with at least the minimum wage in Brazil, which currently amounts to \$250.00/mo. Monthly support can be sent in whatever amount you chose. We will do our best to post pictures and updates of the pastor you adopt on the website so you can follow his ministry and know his specific prayer needs. You will also be able to accompany their ministries by reading our monthly prayer updates as we visit these communities and bring pastors in for seminary training, etc. If you do not receive our updates, please send your name and e-mail address requesting our monthly letters to us or to: [amankers@gmail.com](mailto:amankers@gmail.com).

We look forward to partnering with you in supporting pastors who courageously and faithfully serve in the jungle villages of the Amazon. The following information is for those of you who wish to begin sending pastoral support to Families without Borders through His Harvest:

1. **Donations can be received two ways:**
  - a. Through the following web site – [www.hisharvest.org](http://www.hisharvest.org) Click on the Donations link.
  - b. By check, payable to His Harvest Ministries  
PO Box 5326  
Bloomington IL 61702-5326
2. **It is very important that all donors designate their donation to Families Without Borders as follows:**
  - a. If giving through the His Harvest web site, enter Families Without Borders in the field entitled "Ministry You are Supporting"
  - b. If giving by check, please include an additional note indicating the donation should be given to Families Without Borders.

The first two Peruvian pastors that will receive this much needed support are **Pr. Coordenador Edgardo and Corina in Cavallo Chocha** and **Pr. Edison and Mariela**, who pastor the church in Buen Suceso and is pastor coordinator over the churches in Santa Teresa and Japón. We praise God for YOUR partnership in helping us plant churches throughout the Amazon and reach remote river communities with the Gospel.

We all want to thank you all for your prayers before and during the Thrive women's retreat in Estonia. Be on the lookout for pictures and an update about this and the time Jessica and I spent there in our next prayer update 😊! (I submitted this letter to my cousin for mailing before leaving for the retreat.)

God is so GOOD! We LOVE serving Him here in the Amazon together with YOU! We LOVE being a part of your lives too. It was awesome to touch base with so many of you recently, so we know how God is using you in your home, church and community and what your specific prayer needs are.

God's richest blessings, Wilson and Lori

### **PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS:**

1. Praise the Lord with us that His Harvest Mission has made an agreement with us to channel funds for pastor's ministries through **FAMILY WITHOUT BORDERS**.
2. Wilson was finally able to get the parts he was needing for the plane after several months without being able to fly.
3. Pray God will give us wisdom in selecting the right two pastors for two of the church plants.

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