

The New Year is well underway. Although I have shared this thought with some of you individually, I decided to go ahead and share it with everyone: If you haven't already, take time to reflect on all that God has done in your life this past year! God often called His people to gather together and build altars to help remind them of His mighty works in their lives. It's so important to stop, look back and REMEMBER! God knows we are forgetful. He also knows that we need to remember and reflect on what He has done in our lives because that's what will help give us the courage to continue standing up and speaking out for Him!! We learn from our mistakes and we learn that when we serve and obey Him faithfully, He blesses and gives us victory.

Our time spent in south Brazil over the holidays with family and friends was a whirlwind of activities and memory making moments celebrating Jesus, family, birthdays, anniversaries and so much more. God gave us so many special moments with Wilson's mom. She loves the Lord with all her heart and continues to pour out His love on all of us. She is also our most faithful prayer warrior!

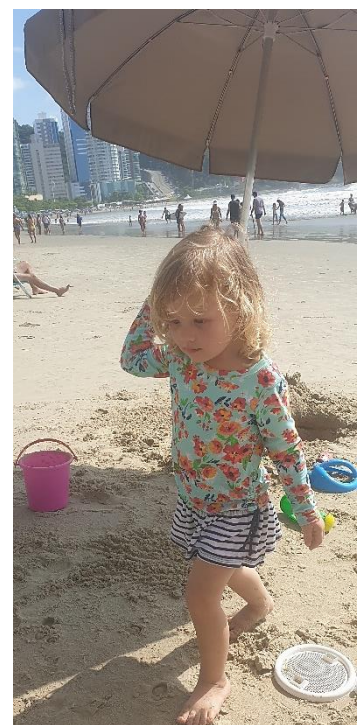
This month we had the added blessing of spending a short time with the Spicers. We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating together a couple of "firsts" in Chloe's life. She got to meet her great grandma, aunts, uncles, cousins and Brazilian family for the first time and was also able to see and experience the ocean.



Great grandma enjoying 8 of her 11 great grandchildren!

For the first couple of weeks Chloe refused to let us put her down. She would pull those little legs up as high as they would go and cling for dear life onto whoever was holding her! She wasn't too thrilled with the ocean water and waves at first either. Although it took a while, we were all delighted that towards the end of their stay, she was running, laughing, splashing and thoroughly enjoying the beach along with the rest of us. 😊

The sand on the beaches here is incredibly fine and soft, but Chloe did NOT like the feel of the sand between her toes.



God gave us wonderful opportunities to visit a few our ministry partners and preach the Gospel in a few of the local churches.



Wilson was also able to get his check ride and physical to renew his pilot's license. YEAH!

Wilson and I returned to the triple borders of Brazil, Peru and Columbia the end of February. We are currently making preparations to administer another seminary module for training pastors and leaders from churches in river communities in Brazil and Peru in June. I am also working on finalizing the details and setting the dates for teaching a new 3-day workshop on prayer called "Talking with God" for children's ministry leaders.

God is the one who gives us strength to carry out the ministries and fulfill His purposes. He gives us direction, protects us, uphold us and uses us, AND... He accomplishes all of this through your faithful prayers and partnership. The Bible says:

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

Wilson and I want to thank you for praying for us and the ministries throughout the Amazon. Please pray with us that as we face this new year God will help us to:

- *Solidify the "Adopt a Pastor" website and a few other details so we can send regular updates and pictures of the pastors being supported. Also, that He would raise up Christians to help provide support for pastors ministering in remote river communities throughout the Amazon.*
- *Continue to solidify and support our existing church plants, providing direction, seminary training and visits to encourage these pastors and leaders throughout the year.*
- *Continue training and discipling children's ministry workers through teacher-training courses and workshops. (My goal for this year is to teach a new workshop that teaches children all about prayer and how to pray. It's called "Talking to God" and is divided into three separate seminars and includes five complete lesson plans on prayer and visuals the teachers will make for use with these lessons.)*
- *Trust God to establish new churches in remote villages where there are none.*
- *Know who should receive and would make good use of the Sunday School Kits I have put together for children's ministry workers in remote villages. These kits include*

teacher's manuals, student's handbooks and visuals and provides all the resources teacher's need to teach God's Word to children for up to three years.

- *Find a viable way to LOAN materials from the Resource Library I have set up at our house which includes resources such as Sunday School Kits, puppets, visuals, lessons and materials for special events and parties, etc. Many of these materials will need to be loaned for up to 3 months at a time and culturally, people don't often return what they loan.*

Our hearts and prayers are with you throughout the year,

God bless, Wilson and Lori

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