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Greetings from Benjamin Constant, a 4-mile square river village located in the Amazon rain forest on the triple borders of Brazil, Peru and Colombia, where God has placed us to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to unreached people groups.

A pastor from one of our church plants in Peru told us that a soldier called him to go to the hospital and pray for him since he was struggling with the virus. After a long talk, this man trusted in Christ as his Lord and Savior. The next day he called back to say he was completely healed and that when the restrictions were lifted, he wants to go to church! Isn't that awesome?! People are coming to get Bibles. They are scared and want to know how to connect with God. God is at work during this crisis. Many are reevaluating their lives and realizing that the things they put their values in our just that... "things". They are realizing that the world, their jobs, etc. are unstable and uncertain, but God is a "constant". God never changes. His Word is true and only He can offer peace, purpose and the power and strength to overcome any obstacle. 1 Peter 1:6-7:

"In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith — of greater worth than gold... may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

PURPOSE... The "lockdown" has allowed us time to catch up on ministry projects that were pending and better prepare for future ministries. Wilson continues preparing material for the seminary training once the restrictions are lifted and doing Bible studies, sending shorter versions to the pastors he is still able to contact. I just finished preparing 13 more Bible lesson plans, printing them up and putting together another 13 Sunday School packets this month. YEAH! Each packet includes a teacher's manual, student handwork pages and visuals for a series of lessons for an entire trimester. I gather several different Sunday School packets together to make a Sunday School "Kit" that allow teachers to evangelize and disciple children for up to three years!



Why provide so much material? Villages along the riverbanks are FAR and hard to get to. It takes time and resources to reach these remote people's groups. Most of the pastors in

the interior of the Amazon are responsible for more than one church. They go by boat to minister in nearby communities or establish new "preaching points" in villages that as yet have no church. By having access to several Sunday School packets, they can divide them up among the 2-4 churches they are in charge of and "share" these materials in a "round robin" fashion, passing them back and forth between churches so they all are able to minister to the children.

PRAYER... The number of cases of the virus in Benjamin Constant is on the rise. We're STUCK, locked down and locked out (of the world that is)! Ever hear that song "Here we sit like birds in the wilderness."? That's us! A stricter lockdown was ordered for 15 days this month. More stores are closed, they requested only one person per motorcycle in the downtown area, require masks still and we were instructed to stay home as much as possible. The streets are bare, with just an occasional person passing by. The Indians were all sent back to their villages and Peruvian barges are not allowed through, which has almost wiped out the availability of fresh vegetables. Local boat traffic is at a standstill, although the large Brazilian barges with merchandise are coming from time to time. Since they can no longer bring passengers and they are stopped for several days at each port to go through sanitation and testing before unloading, we think it's a good possibility they will refuse to come at all. Food prices are rising daily.

There have already been a few deaths here. Many of these people are facing an eternity without God. They have no hope unless someone tells them about the saving grace of Jesus. That's why we are here. We still have opportunities to briefly share with those we visit (at a distance) and those we meet in the center of town while shopping. Pray that God will give us wisdom to find creative ways to reach out to people with God's love and help meet their needs.

THANKS... We miss PEOPLE. We miss seeing smiles and being able to chat and fellowship together. Wilson and I are so thankful we have plenty of space at home to spend some time each day outside and that Ben and Jessica and kids are still allowed to go from point A to point B (their home to ours and back) once a day. 😊 What a tremendous blessing to have them over for a Brazilian barbecue on Mother's Day together with another missionary couple. We all want Jessica to open a doughnut shop after enjoying the absolutely delicious doughnuts



that she made and shared with a few families here. I taught another Sunday school lesson for Lucas and Chloe. They spent a good part of the morning reenacting the story of the paralyzed man that Jesus healed after he was let down from the roof using the standup figures I glued onto cardboard tubes from toilet paper rolls and the box "house" I made. Here are my two adorable little Sunday School students. (Are grandmas allowed to brag a little?!) Such a wonderful time of fellowship we enjoyed together!



We are all thankful that we have a new internet server and can now listen to more praise music and an occasional sermon or podcast here and there! What a delight to be able to still communicate with our kids, family and all of you from time to time. We praise God for strength and good health so far. We praise Him for being ever present and for using each one of you to help sustaining us through the midst of this crisis. How awesome to have more time to commune with Him and listen to His voice. We are thankful that we have found plenty of ways to exercise at home. We are thankful for the little things, like the fact that we can still find manioc, potatoes and onions and that the recent rains have given us delightful, cool days.

Last but definitely not least, we are thankful for YOU! We love you and keep you in our hearts and prayers daily. May God continue to uphold you, keep you healthy and meet your specific needs.

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