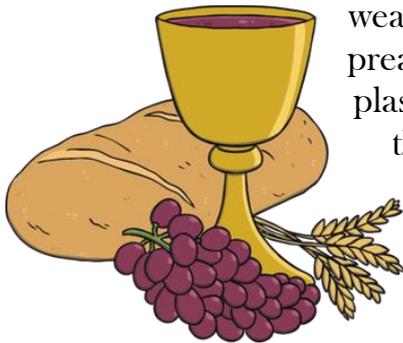


Cold you say... and dry? YUP! Isn't it supposed to be HOT and HUMID here? Not always. It's dry season (6 mo.) and we have only had a few sprinkles here and there for several weeks. Benjamin Constant has been covered in a cloud of dust and everyone is now even MORE thankful for face masks. A cold front blew in this month. We registered a 30 degree drop from one day to the next and averaged around 60F for several days. Very few people have ventured outside. It wouldn't be so bad if we had heated homes, but not in the Amazon! I sat on my hands several times to "thaw" them out enough to write this letter and am wearing my one and only thin sweatshirt!! So, there you have it... it's currently way colder here than there.



Wilson and I have been making more visits recently and last week we arranged to hold a short service and communion with a church family. The head of the house has diabetes and is weak and unstable so he can't go out. We had such a precious time preaching the Word and celebrating communion together using mini plastic coffee cups. Two family members were once again reconciled to the Lord. Most folks here don't have access to internet, podcasts or online preaching, besides the fact that our internet is extremely slow, which doesn't allow us to do much. Churches have been closed and they weren't getting the support and encouragement from other believers.



This family was dealing with a lot of anger issues. Their only means of support is their plantation of mainly beans, manioc and banana, which is located just outside of town. Vandals have robbed their produce several times now and even resorted to chopping down several banana trees, etc. It was precious to see them handing their burdens over to the Lord in tears and praying for forgiveness for their anger. To top it off, they lovingly gave us these cooking bananas in thanksgiving to the Lord for our visit. (We tried to refuse knowing they need to sell all they have in order to survive but didn't want to rob them of the blessing of giving). I can hear some of you snickering. Most who really know me, know I hate bananas. BUT, Wilson loves them and we were so thankful for this priceless gift.



This is Edileine. She is the new children's ministry leader of her church. She is dedicated and excited to minister to the children and teach them God's Word. It's always exciting for me, to work together with the churches here and help provide teaching resources for them to use. Since she lives in town, Edileine is borrowing a Sunday School packet, from the **Resource Library** I have set up here at home, containing visuals, manuals, and everything necessary to teach her class for 3 mo. Wilson has helped me laminate visuals from all the resources in the library so they can be used over and over again. 😊 (He's been a tremendous support in all of my projects!) When she is done with this kit, she will return it and choose another one. The Resource Library is officially **OPEN! YEAH!!**

It's so hard for the people in this region to get a Bible of their own. Every time Wilson and I go to Manaus we purchase Bibles, but it's a very costly trip and we aren't often able to go. Sometimes we have gotten donations and sometimes not. We still haven't found a viable source for Spanish Bibles for our trips in Peru. A dear sister in Christ from Manaus, who loves serving Jesus and has a true passion for missions, recently joined an organization called "GO". They seek donations to send Bibles to those who can't get them. Maria worked hard to check bookstores and prices in Manaus, find a boat, have the box containing 50 Bibles (40 in Portuguese and 10 in Spanish) delivered and then notify us. It finally arrived! She also sent 500 Gospel tracts. We praise the Lord for Maria and the others that have a heart to make sure people receive God's Word!



I am almost finished putting together a series of nine Bible lesson plans for children on the TABERNACE in the desert, along with visuals and activity sheets. I have been learning a lot from them too, and how it all points to Jesus. It will be great to see them in use with older children or adolescents. I am convinced the adults in river villages would love them and learn a lot from the too.

Wilson was so excited when the construction materials from Manaus finally arrived! They came on the very LAST barge that was able to dock in Benjamin Constant, our little river town and home. From now, until the river begins to rise once again during rainy season, they will all dock in Tabatinga, a 30 min. speed boat ride away. The prices of all merchandise in town has already been increasing. Below, workers are unloading the trusses and to the right is an updated picture of the marina, which will also have an apartment to house new missionaries coming our way 😊.



Along with the construction of the marina, which will be used to store boats and materials for church constructions, the mission plane is getting new "face lift"! This guy is doing a GREAT paint job.



Wilson had the privilege of piloting the mission boat to take 30 people from a church in town to inaugurate a new church in the small river village called Novo Lugar.



The picture to the right shows the LONG trek everyone had climbing up the riverbank from the boat, since the river is so LOW!



**“Declare His glory among all nations...”
I Chronicles 16:24**

What a special time of celebration!
The church was built on stilts due to yearly flooding.
People sat outside, underneath the church, as well as all around it!



Arriving back at the hangar at the end of the afternoon, they all had another LONG hike up the ramp to get to the hangar Can you see it way at the top with the new marina to the left?



**“And this gospel will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come.”
Matthew 24:14**

“AND... the end will come.” God said it and we all know that time is near. We ask ourselves every day how God wants us to use our time and talents so that we can make the BEST use of them until Christ comes to take His church. We also praise God every day for YOU, the awesome ministry team he has blessed us with. We praise Him for your love and encouragement, for your prayers and support. We pray for your health, for God to supply your daily needs and especially for you to be spiritually uplifted and edified through your walk with Christ and your testimony for Him in your family, jobs and neighborhoods. We love you and miss you but rejoice in being FAMILY!

God bless, love and hugs, Wilson and Lori

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