

It's raining, it's pouring! They have a saying here: "**Abril, chuvas mil**" which means: "**April, a thousand rains**". The year started out with especially low water levels in the Amazon and Javari rivers, but the rainy season has made up for that and then some with constant torrential rains in April and May. The streets downtown along the riverbanks are flooding and the city is once again scrambling to build wooden walkways down the middle of the streets that branch off to everyone's front door. They also provide cheap wood boards so each family can build suspended floors in their homes well above the water level, which often means they are not able to stand up completely and need to duck to go through doors.



"Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need, mercy- drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead." Do you remember that wonderful old hymn? Life in Jesus is an adventure and it's filled with God's blessings. They are all around us. We just need to open our eyes to see them. During the pandemic, we all faced more than a year of isolation, fear, violence, uncertainties, the world and it's values turning upside down. Through it all, God has taught us to truly appreciate the little things; a smile, a hug, a visit, phone call or message from a friend, the radiant sunshine and it's warmth on our backs, the glistening rain and it's pitter patter on our roofs, the beautiful melodies of the birds singing every morning, etc. That's God, letting us know he is ever present, ever caring. He loves us with an everlasting love.



Everyday Wilson and I praise God for the air we breathe and many of you may do the same after experiencing or witnessing the effects of COVID-19. **Air...** we can't see it, but we know it's there, keeping us alive. It's the same with God. We can't see Him, but we **KNOW** He's there, keeping us alive! He is the author and giver of life and has sent His only Son, Jesus, to offer us everlasting life in his everlasting arms! God says: "**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**" Psalm 150:6 We praise Him for who He is and we praise Him for His showers of blessings all around us, including **YOU!**

Wilson and Maurilio went by speed boat to São João to preach and participate in a special Mother's Day Service. They came back after 11:00 all pumped up and excited to share God's blessings.



Since the village is flooded, everyone paddled to the church in their canoes...



The church was packed. Everyone participated in special numbers and presentations and Wilson preached about how Ana dedicated Samuel to the Lord's service.



At the end of the service, 21 mothers received gifts that were donated from folks in the town of Ataláia do Norte. Wilson and I wrapped up a few donated Bibles, small hymn books and devotionals as well. How SPECIAL this was for a village that doesn't even have a store!



The church in São João began with the willingness of this mother to open up her home for a Bible study on her front porch four years ago. Now this loving mom and her family have all trusted in Christ and are serving the Lord in church, along with many others from the village! We praise God for your prayers and partnership to plant this church and for the mission teams that helped to build it.



Wilson, and I continue to teach Sunday School at our local church while in town and at the same time mentor others to take over when we travel. I am now officially the Sunday School Teacher for the adolescent class. My prayer is that the students will learn from God's Word and apply it to their lives and that they will develop a close relationship with the Lord and learn to walk in His ways. This is the first time since we were leading the church for a few months a while back. that they have a class for this age group, and I'm excited! Pray with us that God will make a difference in their lives. Wilson gave the message at another church this month and helped to dedicate their new leaders during a special service.

The new apartment at the hangar is well underway. This will most likely be our last project of this kind to finalize the installations of the mission base here in Benjamin Constant. This apartment, overlooking the Javari river, will either house visiting mission teams and/or workers or provide a home for a new missionary family. The marina is on the lower level and underneath this structure is storage space for church construction materials.



The picture to the left is an update of the road leading to the hangar. Ben and Jessica live at the end of this road. We are praying that someone will at least flatten it out before they arrive! It's completely impassible, even for walking, unless you go down a hill by the hospital and then cross to the other side.

All our love and hugs,
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