

*“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1*

*Wilson and I ended the year 2021 and celebrated this NEW YEAR giving thanks to the Lord for FAMILY, not just our kids, extended family and relatives, but also for brothers and sisters in Christ who share life’s journey with us.*

## THANKSGIVING

**“Taste and see that the Lord is good!”**

*“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be THANKFUL.” Co. 3:15*



*What an awesome time we had commemorating Thanksgiving with missionary FAMILIES in our area! After a delicious feast and delightful fellowship, we all took turns sharing something we were thankful for, while sticking our “thank you” feather into our “turkey”! Then Jessica gave each one of us the name of someone in our group to pray for year-round.*



*Our Thanksgiving turkey shows us there is so much to be thankful for!*



*Shortly after Thanksgiving we had the special privilege of attending Lucas and Chloe's graduation from the 1<sup>st</sup> level of jujitsu. Ben also attends classes in the evenings. Since they are homeschooled, it's a great for them to be able to participate in a sports activity and it's a treat for us to participate in these family events! ☺*

*We praise God for FAMILY! We are in south Brazil with Wilson's mom, siblings and extended family. Mom Kannenberg was hospitalized recently, but is doing much better, except for some pain in her legs. Iolanda is 89 and is still spunky, witty, hard-working, caring, loving, fun and most of all... dedicated wholeheartedly to the Lord. She continues to uphold us all in prayer. She cheers us on, shares wise words of wisdom, is always ready with a listening ear and delights in what God is doing in our lives.*

*For months I have been excitedly anticipating this Christmas with family, enjoying times at the beaches together, going for long walks on the sand along the ocean and visiting friends and supporters. God had other plans in store for me. Just a couple of days before our kids arrived, as I was walking downtown on an errand, I fell into a little dip in the road (not highly visible) and ended up breaking one of my ankle bones. I will need to use crutches for 6 wks. YES, I was immensely disappointed but at the same time there is so much to be thankful for; no pain after the initial fall, was attended quickly and very well, with no charge at the emergency dept. of the local hospital and am still able to get around some or sit in the kitchen and cook.*



*It's been awesome having Joshua, Leighann and two of their closest friends, Chris and Matt, (who are part of our family for years now) and Julie join us this Christmas! We are thoroughly enjoying every moment we can with them, even if we are limited in what we can do. I need to pretty much stay at home with Wilson, but we love being able to see the in the in between times! ☺ At the end of our stay, we will also have the privilege of spending time with the Spicer's too. Hoping to send some pictures in our next letter. We just haven't had the chance to get many pictures yet.*

*God created FAMILY. He made us to be united in His Spirit, to work and serve together and to live as a community. We are so blessed that in Christ YOU are family too! ☺ You are committed to PRAY for us and the ministries throughout the Amazon, you faithfully SUPPORT us through monthly support gifts and project funds, you ENCOURAGE us through messages and letters and LOVE us unconditionally. We are still looking forward to visiting as many of our ministry partners in south Brazil as possible during this time of deputation once I am able to get up and around. Wishing you a...*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

*May it be filled with God's presence, peace, power, and purpose!  
Sending you our warmest hugs and LOL (Lots of Love – my translation) ☺*

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