

Thinking of you and praising God for all our amazing ministry partners! May 2022

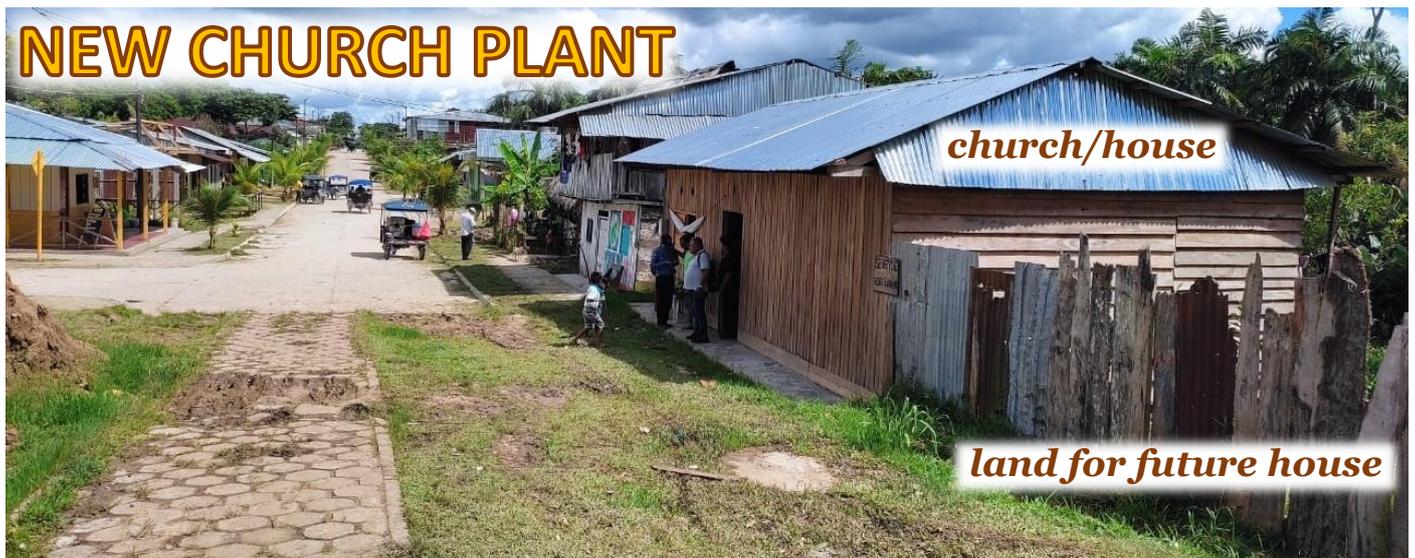
“For the body is not one member, but many.” I Cor. 12:14

SERVING THE LORD TOGETHER!

Pr. Mardel, Pr. Denis, Pr. Washington and Pr. Edgardo went with Pr. Marciel to **Indiana** right after the conference. This is the village where we were finalizing the purchase of a house to serve as Pr. Marciel’s home as well as the Church congregation. Without consulting us, the owner sold it so someone else.



These five pastors located another building on a great piece of land in an area with many houses and no church. It will serve beautifully for both purposes for now. Later, Pr. Marciel can construct his house to the right of the church.



Pr. Marciel (1st man on the left) was a schoolteacher in **Indiana** years ago. Everyone there still remembers he and wife Gloria. They were very worldly and danced professionally. The folks in Indiana want to know what changed their lives and how, because they have seen how blessed, fulfilled and joyful they are now. We know it’s the saving grace of Jesus Christ that has made all the difference!



Over the weekend, the men tore down the divisions inside the house and made walled in areas for a living room, bedroom and kitchen. They left a large open space for the church. The first service was held the following Sunday with several in attendance!

We want to thank those of you who sent donations for this project! We were all praising the Lord that the wood and roofing of this structure are brand new. God multiplied your gifts through an incredible exchange rate so that Wilson was able to send funds to purchase this building as well as authorize the purchase of several plastic chairs, a small speaker system and a small stove for Pr. Marciel and Glória! They left all their belongings in Santa Luzia for the new pastor there.

There are seven new churches currently being constructed and established in river communities, six in Perú: **Cavalo Cocha, Palo Seco, Orellana, Indiana**, two in **Iquitos** and one in **Novo Cruzador**, Brazil. All of these new churches have a pastor or leader holding weekly Sunday services and evangelizing during the week. The pastors, who worked on the church in Indiana, left a couple of days later and headed to **Iquitos**. They not only visited the two new church plants there, but also put up the roofing of both! It's so awesome to know that these congregations can now meet at the church instead of at the pastor's homes! 😊



MISSION TRIPS

After preparing and loading the mission boat, purchasing food and supplies and confirming the crew, another American mission team from **AMAZON BASIN MINISTRIES** went out this month on a week-long boat trip to visit several villages along the Brazilian/Peruvian borders. Ben and Jessica have been instrumental in working together with staff and mission team leaders to help make this all happen!

TEACHING GOD'S WORD

One Sunday this month Wilson went to the Ticuna Indian village of Lauro Saudré to teach a class on Communion. It was awesome! Shortly after the class he celebrated Communion with the congregation.



Let's go on a SAFARI!

This month we had a great time celebrating **Lucas's 7th** and **Titus's 6th birthdays** together with three other missionary families. Go on the SAFARI with us...



The kids hunted for Easter Eggs filled with wild animals, caramels and chocolates. We had a special time celebrating **JESUS** as they listened attentively to the Easter story and sang a song of praise.



They also enjoyed making a special cross craft...

GOD SHELTERS ME!



It was a wonderful time of **FUN, FOOD** and **FELLOWSHIP!** To top it off we all enjoyed a sandwich smorgasbord (egg salad, sloppy joes, hotdogs, and ham 'n cheese) 😊. Jessica made her famous homemade ice cream and Titus's mom made these delicious cupcakes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



Celebrating JESUS

On Easter Sunday, Wilson and I taught Sunday School. In the evening Wilson went to the church in Islândia, Peru. They now have two children's classes, and each class gave special presentation.



Wilson then showed the children's version of the **JESUS** movie. God moved in a powerful way. Many people came forward to rededicate their lives to Christ.

UPDATE ON TWO CHURCH PLANTS

We just received pictures of the progress of the church plant in Palo Seco, which is near Cavalo Cocha, Peru and also the church plant in Orellana, Peru:



Palo Seco



Orellana

It's so awesome to see the church already in use in Palo seco and well underway in Orellana!

I want to thank you all so much for your prayers for my health. The cold I had hung on for a long time, but I am finally better. The rest of the family ended up getting it too and are better as well. Thank you too, for praying for the mission team and boat trip last month! There will be another team coming the end of May. We keep you in our hearts and prayers always and trust you had a wonderful and meaningful time over the Easter holidays celebrating Jesus and His death and resurrection. I told the kids at the party that **THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE! Jesus is alive and his last command was to go and preach the Gospel to all nations. Go and tell others about JESUS!!** What a privilege we have, together with you and your partnership, to tell others about salvation through Christ and make disciples among the nations throughout the Amazon.

All our love and hugs,

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