

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Celebrating 42 years of flying and ministry as a missionary pilot/mechanic.



Wilson and I would like to invite **YOU** to journey with us through 42 years serving the Lord in **mission aviation** as we reluctantly say farewell to that part of our ministry. After 42 years of faithful service as a missionary pilot, flying throughout the Amazon jungle to reach the unreached in remote river communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God has led Wilson to “pass the baton” to another pilot.



In June, he flew the Assembly of God Cessna 206 plane we were currently using, to Manaus, AM. Another missionary pilot flew the plane to Belem, Pará, where it will continue to be used to serve the church and reach others for Christ.

Wilson and I are still serving as missionaries on the triple borders of Brazil, Peru, and Columbia, however, from now on we will be using boats as our main means of transportation. Wilson will maintain his mechanic license to help with any future needs.

Let the journey begin!

This journey began with a dream. What do you want to be when you grow up? **A PILOT!** Wilson’s mom heard that response repeatedly. How did he ever get that idea? He lived in a valley nestled in between two mountains in south Brazil and had never seen an airport or a plane close-up. However, once a week an airplane flew over the valley. Wilson would hear it coming and crane his neck to follow its path until it was out of sight. As a teen, his passion for flying grew, but he was rebellious and far from the Lord. His mom just could not bring herself to allow him to follow his dream thinking that if he had an accident, he would be eternally lost. As a result of his mother’s fervent and faithful prayers, he trusted in Christ at the age of sixteen and she finally gave him her blessing!



A pilot and a plane.

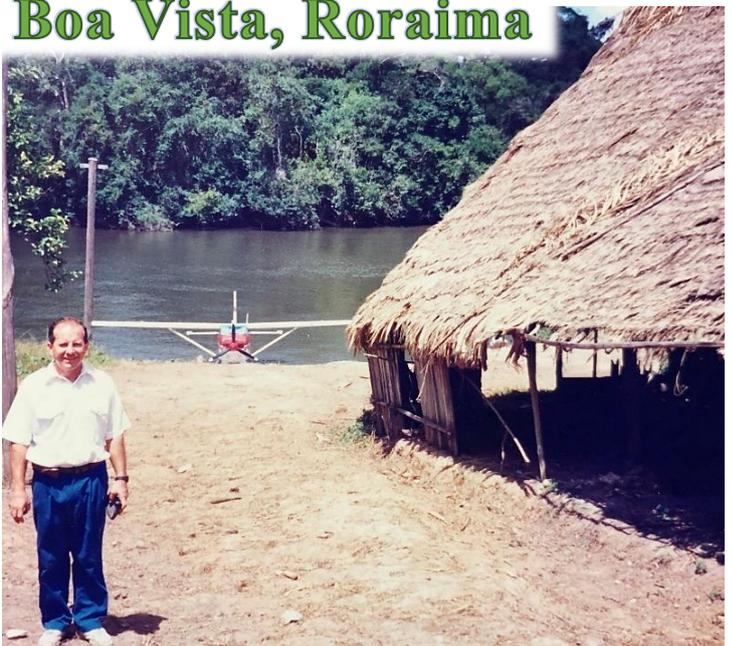


“Here I am. Send me!”

What an incredible day it was when Wilson was sent to his first mission base in **Boa Vista, Roraima**, north Brazil, where he received his “on the field” training with Ken Debelak. (Our future brother-in-law)

Shortly after, Wilson and I met and later married (1984). Ever since, he has not only carried me in his ❤️ but has carried me on his flights... taped to the instrument panel of the plane! 😊

Boa Vista, Roraima



**Responding to a medical emergency
in a remote Indian tribe.**

**“On the field”
training.**



“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.”

Rincon del Tigre, Bolívia

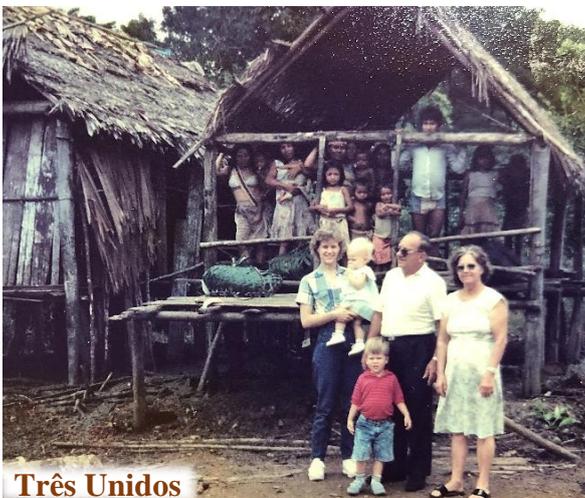
The next part of our journey took us to an Ayoré Indian tribe in **Rincon del Tigre, Bolivia** where we lived for four years, flying in supplies for Baptist missionaries who oversaw a dormitory to care for rancher’s children, a Spanish school for those children as well as Indigenous children, a Spanish church, and an indigenous church.



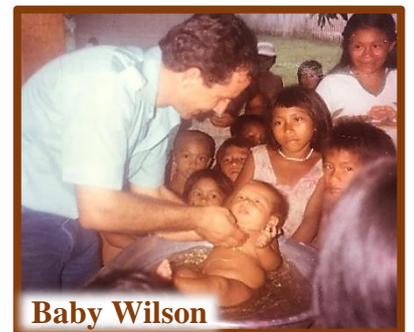
Giving wings to those who give their lives!



Eirunepé, Brazil Wilson and I then headed to an Asas de Socorro flight base in **Eirunepé, Amazon** for another four years, flying **Ethnos 360** missionaries in and out of eight different Indian tribes, delivering their mail and supplies and responding to medical emergencies...



One day, we received a call on the radio that a woman in one of the tribes was having serious problems delivering her baby. Wilson arrived in the tribe just in time to help her. The new mom named her son after him and asked Wilson to give her baby his first bath! 😊



Wilson served as **Operations Manager** and **Pilot in Command** in Rincon del Tigre and Eirunepé. I was responsible for the **Flight Following**: maintaining radio contact with Wilson during each flight (noting down flight positions, altitude, velocity, times, etc.) and maintaining daily contact with the Ethnos 360 mission bases in case of emergencies.

Aviation Flight School Anápolis, Goiás

In 1991 Wilson and I returned to the mission base in **Anápolis, GO** for four years to reopen and run the mission's Aviation Flight School. Wilson served as **Flight Operations Manager, Teacher,** and **Flight Instructor.**



Ministering from MANAUS

In 1994, the **Assembly of God Church** in Manaus invited us to help them purchase a Cessna 206 airplane and pilot it for the honor and glory of God, which we did for the next 27 years. When Wilson registered the plane, the man thought it was his, so the **WKG** stands for **Wilson Kannenberg.** It was too late to change, but that made it easy to remember! 😊



The church welcomed us with open arms and gave us the tremendous privilege of flying for evangelical churches, mission organizations and missionaries throughout the Amazon. Even flights with government personnel were **"MISSION"** flights! Wilson and I praise God for allowing us to partner with them in the ministries over the years. Not only have they been 100% supportive of our flight operations but have loved and supported us and our kids in every way. They have become **FAMILY!**

Manaus Flight Base



Wilson established a new flight base in Manaus, solidifying the ministries of Asas de Socorro in that region as **Administrator, Operations Manager** and **Chief Pilot.**

A couple of years after arriving in Manaus, God surprised us with a second airplane... a brand-new Cessna 208 Caravan, a special gift to the mission from **Darrel and Lee Carver.**



Darrel is a retired banker and pilot. These two “brothers” flew side by side for 10 years. I lovingly thought of them as “Mutt and Jeff.” It was awesome working with them and several other missionary families as our staff grew. This marked the beginning of 18 amazing years transporting pastors, church leaders, Christian politicians, and missionaries. We also began planting churches and coordinating dental/medical/evangelistic clinic trips during this time, making use of the planes for more remote areas. Here a just a few highlights of those years...



Medical/Dental/Evangelistic Clinic Flights

José always came to our clinics to see what he could “get,” showing no interest in any evangelistic efforts. One day a poisonous snake bit his hand. Infection set in and it began to rot. He found no help in a near-by village so he asked the local nurse if someone could pray for him. She was a Christian and was more than glad to comply.

Later, Wilson flew in another medical team, and they treated his hand since it was still puffy and oozing. God was already working in José’s heart and the team had the privilege of leading him to the Lord. After becoming a Christian, God healed José’s hand completely. The team gave him a talking Bible since he couldn’t read or write.

The next time Wilson flew in, everyone was in awe of the change in José’s life. He was known as the local pastor! He would hear and memorize the Word and share it with anyone who would listen. José led others to the Lord and started the first church on the Uniní river! Another man, who was literate, joined him a short while later to help continue the ministry. As a result of the clinic flights, three churches were planted on this river.



Emergency Flights

While in Manaus, Wilson did an emergency flight for Kathy and Judy almost every year. These veteran missionary women served the Lord faithfully as Bible translators for more than 40 years in a very remote Indian tribe. Both had over thirty-five cases of Malaria each! They never gave up! God allowed them to establish an active, growing church in the tribe and finish translating the entire New Testament (2005) and part of the Old Testament into the **Apuriná** Indian language. They gifted us with a copy of the NT before they retired.



Emergency flight to bring Kathy to Manaus for medical treatment.



Testimony of a dentist who flew with Wilson to a village on the Jaú river: “The preparations for this trip gave me a certain apprehension. Arriving at the first community, my heart was impacted in such a way that the love for those lives went way beyond any of my doubts or fears... How wonderful it is to feel the love of God flowing through us to others...



The profession that I love so much has turned into a precious instrument. The joy that my service provided to those people went beyond my highest expectations... no title, job, discovery, money, none of this is better than serving those who have such great needs. The smile on their faces, the happiness of the children when they received toothbrushes. This is much better than any professional endeavor!



This was my first trip and I’m sure there will be many others. I will seek God more and more each day, and desire to serve Him and dedicate my life to Him... I praise God for the ministry of Asas de Socorro and all the missionaries that dedicate their lives to the service of the Father... May God bless this ministry.

Pioneering new frontiers on the triple borders of BRAZIL, PERU and COLUMBIA

Flight Base in Benjamin Constant



In 2012, the Assembly of God church in Manaus gladly allowed us to transport their plane to the little river town of Benjamin Constant, on the triple borders of Brazil, Peru, and Columbia. There, Wilson established another flight base where we continue to reach Indian tribes and river villages for Christ along the Javari River Valley until Iquitos, Peru and beyond.

One of our main focuses continues to be **Church Planting:** solidifying the seven new churches currently under construction in Peru and seeking the Lord’s direction for new church plants.



church plants through conferences, seminary training modules and discipleship, as well as administering teacher training courses and workshops. It’s important

We also focus on **Leadership Training:** Training pastors, leaders, and teachers from all thirty-three



to us to work alongside these men and women of God, encouraging them through periodical visits, maintaining contact, when possible, through what’s app, and providing direction and resources for their ministries.



Here are a few highlights of flight operations from Benjamin Constant:

After our first visit to São João, Brazil God allowed us to plant a church and watch it grow.



God's Kingdom Grows



São José



Preaching the Word and Conducting Baptisms along the riverbanks.



Leadership Training

Flying in Christian Indigenous leaders for leadership training in our home.

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At the hangar, these leaders and missionaries knelt in a powerful time of prayer over a map of the Amazon.



Ministering with Mission Teams

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective!” James 5:16



“Go into all the world and make disciples!”.



Wilson and I praise the Lord for the 42 years He has allowed us to use the airplane as a ministry tool for the expansion of His Kingdom throughout the Amazon. Thank you for being an integral part of every step of this journey through your **PRAYERS** and **PARTNERSHIP!**



We praise the Lord daily for your passion for missions, your dedication to obey and serve Him and His work and for your faithfulness over the years. It's a tremendous honor to be “sent out” by you and represent you before the Lord on the mission field. Let us rejoice together for the mighty things God has done and trust Him to continue using us to reach the lost!

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8



Ianomami Indian Tribe

**To God be the glory!
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