



**WE ARE COMING YOUR WAY... YEAH!** We will be in the USA **August** through **September** for our home assignment to visit family, supporting churches, and individual ministry partners. You are **ALL** so near and dear to our hearts and we consider every one of you **FAMILY!** **Please pray with us for the journey to the USA. There are still some special requirements and such "post pandemic". Trust God with us to see us through each flight and border and to provide good health and travel safety while there. Please scroll down to see the amazing things God did during the month of June through your faithful prayers and support!**

**Home Assignment/Furlough Schedule for the summer of 2021**

**Phone number while in the USA:**

**We will send our number shortly after arriving when we get one 📞!**

**(The following is our travel itinerary and the schedule for visits with supporting churches in IL and WI. We will contact individuals when we arrive to schedule a visit).**

- Aug. 1 - 2 Leave Brazil and Arrive in Texas (Joshua and Leighann)
- Aug. 4 Alabama (Mazos)
- Aug. 5 North Carolina (Yoder)
- Aug. 6 - 8 Virginia (Family)
- Aug. 8 Virginia (**Rivers United Church**)
- Aug. 9 - 10 Washington DC (Holliman)
- Aug. 15 Illinois (**New Life Christian Church**)
- Aug. 22 Illinois (**Richwoods Christian Church**)
- Aug. 29 Wisconsin (**Faith Bible Church**)
- Sept. 5 Burlington (**Faith Chapel**)
- Sept. 12 Oostburg (**First Presbyterian Church**)
- Sept. 19 Illinois (**Riverside Community Church**)
- Sept. 20 Nebraska (Family)
- Sept. 22 Kansas (Mueller)
- Sept. 23 Texas (Carver)
- Sept. 24 Texas (Joshua and Leighann)
- Sept. 28 – 29 **Head back to Brazil**

We are sad that we will not be able to visit all our supporting churches and a few of you this trip, but you will be at the **TOP** of our list next time we come back! 😊 We will try and get in touch some other way, via phone, a visit during the week, etc.

What a tremendous blessing to have the privilege of serving, mentoring, teaching, discipling, evangelizing, and ministering to the unreached throughout the Amazon... AND to be a part of all of that TOGETHER with YOU! 😊 The month of June has been an especially busy month. How we praise the Lord that through your prayers and support, God has given us strength, direction and so many blessings.

## TEACHING GOD'S WORD LOCALLY

Wilson still teaches the men's Sunday school class in our local church when we are in town



and I have just started teaching the adolescents. There hasn't been any class for this age group for the most part and

they are very excited. I'm using lesson plans and resources from the

Sunday School kits I put together. For lack of classrooms, we meet in one of the corners of the sanctuary while the women's, men's and teen's classes meet in the other three corners! Wilson was the guest speaker at a special "Valentine's Day" service for couples this month as well.



## MINISTERING AMONG TICUNA INDIANS IN FEIJOAL



Wilson, Maurilio and I finally made it to the Ticuna Indian village of Feijoal for teacher and leadership training, together with Pr. Nestor and his wife from Lauro Saudré. Esau, a church leader and school administrator, and his family lovingly welcomed us to stay with them over the weekend. We slept in hammocks,



enjoyed fish soup and barbecued chicken and took outdoor showers dumping water over our heads from a bucket. Although it was hot, we were so thankful for good weather.

This is Esau's and Pr. Hélio's 98 yr. old mother. She is blind now but oh so precious. She was the first person in Feijoal to trust in Christ.



Wilson and I taught 6 classes each over the course of two days. I was concerned my class wouldn't understand me since they speak mostly Ticuna in the village. I worked hard ahead of time simplifying course content and reducing each seminar from 1 ½ to just 1 hour.

## THE DYNAMIC TEACHER

Indian ethnic groups are often somewhat quiet and reserved. It can be a challenge to get them interact and participate in class activities, but, God prepared their hearts. This group was awesome!



We had hoped that prospective teachers from seven other congregations from the surrounding river communities would be there, but the flood waters were too high making it impossible for them to come at this time. Eighteen teachers/prospective teachers, most from Feijoal, received certificates at a special "graduation ceremony" during the service Sunday night.



## GRADUATION CEREMONY

**"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."**

**2 Timothy 2:15**



What a tremendous time we had! I was praising God for your prayers throughout each day! I slept little since I woke up every morning around 3:00 am to the loud noise of boat motors as the men of the village headed out in their canoes to go fishing, but God gave me strength, wisdom and direction to carry me through.

# LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The leadership training was held in the village community center. Wilson taught these men how to choose leaders, details about tithing, church discipline and other specific subjects. He made sure there was a lot of time for questions and answers and had GREAT input from his class as well.



Wilson also taught Sunday school and preached at both church services Saturday and Sunday nights while Pr. Maurilio led praise and worship.



Pr. Maurilio

# LAURO SAUDRÉ, BRAZIL

The following Sunday while I was teaching the adolescents in town, Wilson and Pr. Maurilio went to help Pr. Nestor dedicate the church in Lauro Saudré, a nearby Ticuna Indian village. A baptism was held later in the day. It was an all-day celebration of God's goodness and glory. The service was held outside next to the church and God's Holy Spirit flowed throughout the



sermon and following activities. After the service they broke into a holy dance before the Lord. Wilson was surprised and thrilled to see **Umberto**, the Ticuna Indian leader from the church plant in **Aiuma**. How awesome it was to hear news that the church in Aiuma is strong and growing. We had temporarily lost contact with this church during the pandemic. The leader brought 15 church members with him for the celebrations and is already making plans to attend the leadership training conference Wilson will give in Cavalo Cocha the end of the month!

## IQUITOS, PERU

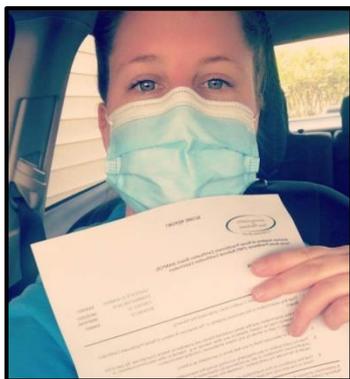
Towards the end of the month, Wilson and Pr. Edgardo made a trip to Iquitos to turn in the documents Wilson has been working on for quite some time, to legalize eight church plants in Peru. It's been a long haul, but we are so thankful the end is in sight!

## BAZAAR

Wilson and I received a donation from a couple who recently retired and moved to south Brazil. The pastor's wife had a store in Manaus. She donated eight boxes of dresses, and other items to bless the people in our river community. So, we are preparing to have a "BAZAAR" or rummage sale (super cheap). People here don't have much but selling them things for very low prices helps them to value what they get. Any proceeds will go towards paying the shipping costs and ministry. These missionary ladies and ministry workers were so thrilled to be blessed with couple of new dresses each! 😊



## MORE VICTORIES!



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

This month we all celebrated a special victory in our family. After two and half years of dedication, time, and hard work, our daughter Julie recently received word that she passed the state boards and is officially a nurse practitioner! What a JOY when she finally got the "real deal", her diploma, in the mail!



Brandon is one-third of the way through his nurse practitioner's course, and we are sure he too would appreciate your prayers! Even in the midst of hardships, God has blessed our kids with His presence, good health, great jobs and awesome churches. Our grandkids are such a source of joy too. So much to be thankful for! We continue to pray for so many of you who suffered losses this year and faced incredible hardships and challenges. We trust God continues to be your all in all and bless you with His love, comfort, provision, protection, and direction. May He continue to uphold you with His righteous right hand.

We are really looking forward to welcoming Ben, Jessica, and the kids back in Benjamin the middle of July. We will have two weeks to help them settle in before we leave for the USA for two months for our home assignment. We praise the Lord they are all well and excited to be heading to the field once again after their year-long extended furlough due to closed borders during the pandemic.

Praising God always for your faithfulness and partnership in the ministries here,

God bless, Wilson and Lori

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