

GUIDED BY THE BIBLE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!

December 2021



The end of October Wilson and I were thrilled to be able to attend the convention of the Assembly of God church in Manaus. **Guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit** was the theme. 1st Vice President, Pr. Moises Melo and his wife, Pra. Vania (right) are long time, dear friends who always open their hearts and home to us whenever we are in Manaus.

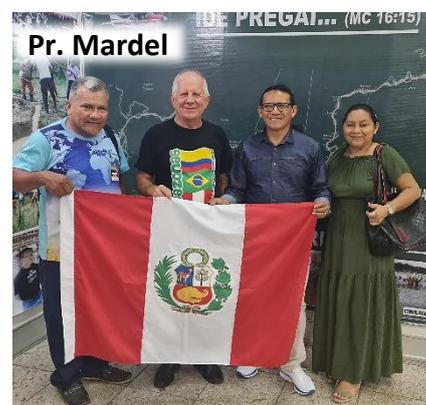


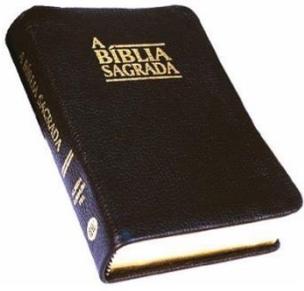
We had the rare and very special privilege of welcoming the president of Brazil, **Jair Bolsonaro** that first night. What a humble, God-fearing man. He begins most of his speeches by declaring that **He loves and honors GOD first and foremost, he believes in the FAMILY, and he believes in BRAZIL.** He is a true servant of the Lord and needs our prayers daily. President Bolsonaro is standing to the right of the Pastor President of the Assembly of God church in the Amazon, Pr. Samuel Câmara.



Wilson had two banners made to represent mission ministries in our area of the Amazon. The one to the left says: **churches, wells, leaders, ministry support, GO... How can I be involved?**

The second one says **"Go and Preach..."** with a map displaying the location of the 33 church plants in Brazil, Peru and Columbia, along with a few ministry pictures. It was a tremendous blessing to share with all the pastors, leaders and their wives who visited our booth. Ministry partners from Peru stopped by as well. Pr. Mardel is planning on moving to Iquitos to coordinate the ministries in that region in 2022.





*We attended administrative meetings and seminars in the afternoons and services each of the four evenings. At the beginning of one seminar, we were given a blank sheet of paper and the Bible reference for three verses which we were instructed to write down. **In a matter of 10 minutes, we collectively wrote the entire NEW TESTAMENT!** What an impact that made on us all. God's Word is food for the soul. It truly sustains and guides us.*

*One afternoon, a team of ladies, including pastor's wives from the church leadership, hosted an awesome celebration in honor of all the **pastor's wives from the interior of the Amazon.***



700 of us! These dear ladies gave up their place at this event because there were just too many of us! One lady prepared 700 plastic snack containers with cake and other delicious treats! I was so overwhelmed I cried. We felt so abundantly loved and cared for!

It was a spiritually uplifting time for all who attended. The last night 980 new pastors and their wives were dedicated to the Lord for His service! We want to give our special thanks to Pr. Moises and his wife Pra. Vania and their family for receiving us in their home and treating us like royalty. They know that all those who trust in Jesus are sons and daughters of the King of Kings!



We also want to thank Pr. Jonatas Câmara, Pr. President of the Assembly of God church in Manaus and his wife Pra. Ana, Pr. Moises, 1st Vice President and Pra. Vania, Pr. Elionai Reis, 2nd Pastor Vice President and his wife Pra. Elda and all the other pastors and leaders who worked so hard to serve us and make this convention possible!





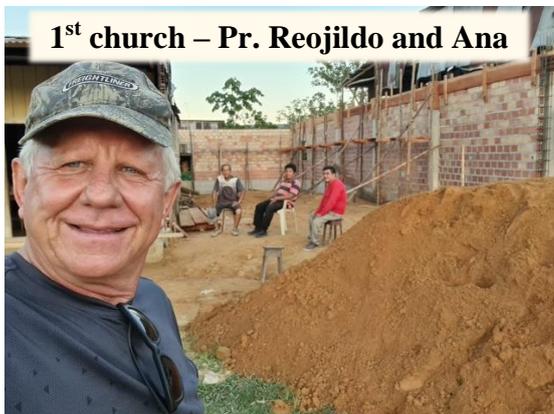
Wilson is still serving on the administrative board of OA (Operation Amazon). While in Manaus he conducted a board meeting (held every 4 years now) with Gloria, Pr. Aurino and Pra. Graça and the lawyer. Wilson was again voted to remain as president of this organization.

We always LOVE spending time with Pr. Elionai, his wife Pra. Elda and with our church family in Manaus. God has blessed tremendously and after a few years of construction, what was the “Tent” church is now the “Temple of the Family!” We praise God for their dedication to the Lord’s service and for their fervent prayers and partnership!



God opened many doors while we were in Manaus. One man graciously loaned us a car which enabled us to purchase Bibles, ministry tools and materials to finish the hospitality apartment at the hangar. After three years we were finally able to get medical check-ups.

*Wilson spent another week in **Iquitos** with Pr. Edgardo coordinating the construction of two churches. It rained off and on for much of the week making it hard for the trucks to bring in dirt to raise the*



foundations, since they are both located in swampy areas.

Have you ever seen anyone so happy to see a pile of dirt before?! The group literally praised the Lord for every truck load that came to the site and entire families helped to unload and distribute it, even in the rain!



At the tail end of one particularly long and tiring day, they held a praise and prayer time.





Wilson and Pr. Edgardo made a one-day trip to the river village called **Indiana** to visit Pr. Marciel and family and look for a place that can serve as their new home and the church! Land is very expensive in Peru. So, how can the average person afford to purchase land? They can't! That's why they rent housing or squat on free land that's no good and often swampy.

They were able to find this large building at a great location. The owner is a Christian and has offered to sell this building for less than half price if we pay up front! It will cost \$3,200.00. It's so awesome to see God at work and now we need to trust Him to provide.



Would you like to help us make this possible? If so, you can send your contribution through www.familywithoutbordersint.com This new church is located downriver from where Nate Saint and 4 other missionaries were martyred by the Auca Indians.



This is Claudia, the pastor's wife of Ben and Jessica's church, her daughter, and the teacher for juniors. I was thrilled to hand them a kit filled with Bible lessons, visuals, and handwork pages, and give orientation on how to use this material. I was also able to inform them of other resources, training, and workshops I have available. Their church has been without a pastor for several years. This family loves the Lord, and they serve Him with all their might. They are so excited to have resources that will help them evangelize and disciple children!

God has blessed us with a fruitful year, even amidst the pandemic and all the changes taking place around us.

In a world filled with chaos, shortages, mandates, uncertainties, and frustrations, it's so awesome to KNOW that Jesus will ultimately rule over all with judgement and justice and will bring everlasting PEACE! God has a PLAN and a PURPOSE. He holds the future in His hands and some day we will reign with Him through all eternity!

We are so blessed, together with YOU, to GO AND PREACH the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations! To let the world know that God sent His only Son to die on the cross and bring forgiveness and salvation to all those who believe in Him. We love you and want to thank you for loving us, upholding us, and uplifting us through your faithful prayers and partnership.

**"For unto us a child is born,
 unto us a son is given; and
 the government will be upon
 his shoulder.
 And his name will be called
 WONDERFUL,
 COUNSELOR,
 MIGHTY GOD,
 EVERLASTING FATHER,
 PRINCE OF PEACE."
 Isaiah 9:6**

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