

What a delight it has been to spend time with our family!



We enjoyed special family activities over the holidays and into the New Year. Wilson's mom and sister, Marlí are to my right. 😊 It was hard to say good-bye but after the majority of the clan left, we changed gears and were excited to begin our "home assignment" and touch base with our Brazilian ministry partners.

Revival Church in Balneário Camboriú

Due to the pandemic several years have passed since we were able to connect with our ministry partners in south Brazil.

What a blessing to worship together with the brothers and sisters in Christ at Revival Church in Balneário Camboriú and have the privilege of sharing and preaching.



IECLB – Lutheran Church of Itajaí

It was a joy to meet Pr. Luciano, the new pastor of the Lutheran Church of Itajaí, SC and hear his message about being peacekeepers.



Pr. Luciano



We are so thankful for the ladies group called OASE and for the church family who so faithfully pray for us and support our ministries throughout the Amazon! It always blesses our hearts to get such a warm welcome and so many hugs. 😊

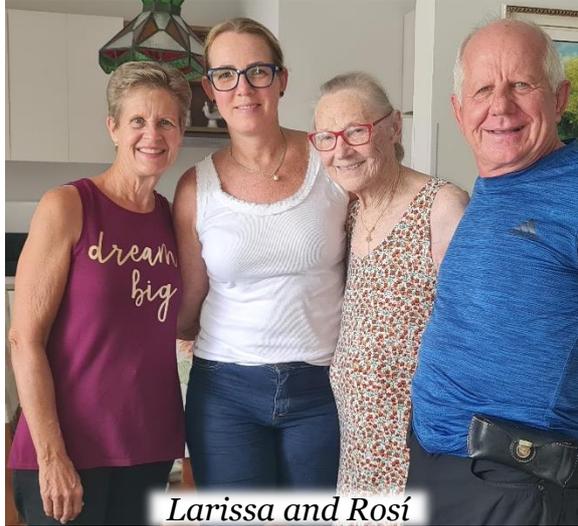
We are sad we were not able to see everyone, but praise God for the ones we have been able to visit with so far and for the opportunities we have had to personally express our sincerest thanks to those who have so faithfully upheld us in prayer, provided support to help meet our needs and have encouraged and loved us through the years.



Isolde and Martin



Evaldo and Erica



Larissa and Rosi

It's been awesome hearing how God has cared for each one and blessed because of your love and faithfulness to Him!

The tail end of February, we travelled to Joinville, SC to meet with four couples who have been faithful ministry partners for years. We met up with Renato and Eliz for a wonderful time of fellowship on Sunday afternoon and then headed over to MEUC to meet the other three couples at the church mission.



Renato and Eliz

MEUC – Evangelical Mission Christian Union

What a joy it was to meet missionary Guihlerme, his wife Ketlin and daughter, worship together with the church family, share our testimony and spend time with ministry partners we



haven't seen in four years...



Nivaldo and Ingrit

Lourival and Dolores



Rúbia, Sandrine and Leonardo Boldt



We LOVED meeting with ALL of you! 😊

After following the Boldt family's Face Book posts for years, it was my dream to visit their home where so many of their talents are on display, including their "enchanted" garden, sewing nook, puzzles and beautifully painted plates and homemade bird houses. It was late and a little rainy, but it was amazing!

Our home assignment in south Brazil went by so fast. We wished we could have spent more time with each one, but we are already making plans to find ways to do just that in the future! It's hard to express just how much these visits encourage, uplift and strengthen us. These precious memories, the smiles and hugs, will carry us through in the days and months ahead! Just knowing we are covered in prayer, loved unconditionally, cared for abundantly and serving the King of Kings TOGETHER with YOU is TREMENDOUS! 😊



Happy Anniversary!



This month Wilson and I celebrated our 39th anniversary. How awesome it has been to journey through life together as BEST friends and loving companions. We thoroughly enjoyed a night out with Joshua and Leighann overlooking the city of Balneário Camboriú, SC and a eating delicious dinner.



Celebrating Family We have also enjoyed celebrating several family birthdays during our short time in south Brazil; our son Joshua, our son-in-law, Brandon, our nephew Maico and his daughter Aurora and Wilson's sister Rosi...



Joshua



Brandon



Maico



Roseli

Time to say Good-Bye

Wilson and his brother Neri will be driving Ben and Jessica's old/new car from south Brazil all the way up to Porto Velho the middle of February. I will be going along as well. We will stop in Anápolis, GO to share and preach in a supporting church and visit with Edna, one of our special ministry partners. After putting the car on a barge to Manaus, we will travel the rest of the way home by plane and boat. Neri is an evangelist and missionary with a special focus on praise and worship. He will stay with us for one month and minister together with Wilson in the church plants in river communities both in Brazil and Peru, evangelizing, preaching, and singing.

Special Prayer Requests

1. Pray with us for two pastors of the church plants who are facing serious family issues.
2. Pray for both Peru and Brazil with all the political unrest, turmoil, and instability.
3. Pray God will give us wisdom in decision making and know how to deal with all the new laws and all the changes occurring in both countries for our future and the ministries.
4. We would appreciate your prayers for safety on the upcoming road trip through Brazil.

God's richest blessings for 2023! Sending you our love and hugs,

Wilson and Lori



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