



The street in front of our house has turned into a dirt road filled with potholes, rocks and even plants. We are all hoping the city gets the “hint” and fixes it, but with rainy season still in full swing it looks like things will only get worse for a while yet. By the way, this road was completely paved with what they called “concrete” less than a year ago!

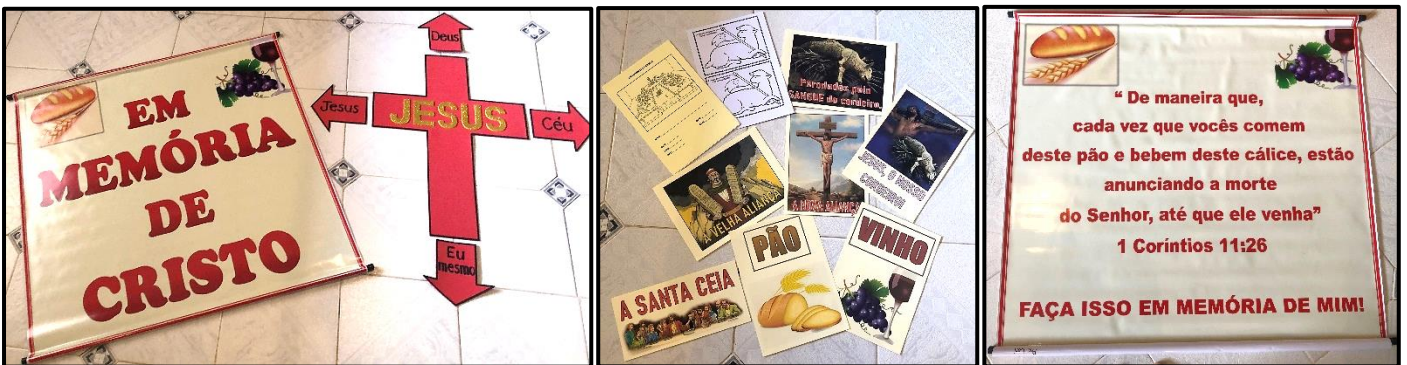


Sometimes we need to stop and spend time evaluating the ministries to see what could be done better and what **MORE** we could do. Bill Holliman and his wife Sammy have been ministry partners for years investing their time and resources to help primarily with ministry projects (church plants, pastoral support, generators, etc.) Bill helped set up and he administers the non-profit organization Family Without Borders Int. that provides a way for others to send funds for ministry projects. What a blessing to have him stay with us four days this month. Wilson and Bill discussed ways in which pastors of church plants in remote river villages can sustain themselves.

Resources for Children’s Ministries

It’s exciting to see more teachers loaning Sunday school curriculum, evangelical party kits and puppets from our Resource Library. When we visited a supporting church in Anápolis, GO, they were thrilled to present us with several Sunday school kits they were no longer using; **John, the Loving Friend, Biblical and Current Celebrations, Learning with the Families of the Bible, Growing in the Christian Life** and more. Our special thanks to the **Pioneer Presbyterian Church** and to **Claudia**, who prepared and organized these resources with so much care. I was able to add several new visuals the manuals requested, including Bible verses, visuals for group dynamics, etc.

I just finished rewriting 5 lesson plans and redoing all the visuals for a Communion course I put years ago called: **In Memory of Christ**. It’s something I have been wanting to do for a long time and since Jessica’s church recently expressed a desire to teach their 9-11 yr. olds and adolescents about this Holy celebration, I had a great excuse to tackle this project. It comes complete with a Teacher’s Manual, Student’s workbook, banners for the Title of the course and key Bible verse, visuals and handcrafts. 😊



Celebrating Family Wilson and I often feel overwhelmed by God’s goodness. Our son Joshua and his wife, Leighann blessed us recently with **Star Link**, a satellite internet server that allows us to finally be able to communicate with family, including YOU! 😊 It’s been awesome to hold meetings with mission team leaders, see posts and pictures from many of you and connect with our kids without delays or being cut off.

Through this special gift, **Joshua and Leighann** surprised us with the news that they are expecting their first baby (due end of October) and **Brandon and Julie** keep us up to date with the plans for their move to Ft. Meyers, FL the end of June. It's so wonderful that God allows us to be a part of their lives almost every day through prayer, calls, messages and exchanging pictures.



Joshua and Leighann



Julie and Brandon



Ben and Jessica

We have so much to thank God for... so much to **CELEBRATE!** Every day we get to celebrate two new lives being formed. Ben and Jessica can't wait to welcome Spicer #4 in September and will be heading soon to the USA for the delivery.

I turned 65 the end of March (now **THAT'S** hard to believe!) At the end of April, we had the privilege of celebrating Ben and Jessica's birthdays (same day) and our grandson, Lucas, (one week later). Lucas is officially **8!** He was super excited this year to invite his classmates from school and his missionary friend, Gabriel and his family. We all had a fun-filled afternoon at the **Circus of Happiness**. By the way, Jessica still makes the **BEST** cakes. This cake was half vanilla and half chocolate with a special chocolate/caramel filling and peanut butter frosting. **YUM!**



Erené Three years ago, the church in the Ticuna Indian village of Erené requested to be affiliated with our organization, Family Without Borders, to receive visits, leadership training and help in coordinating ministries. Ben and Wilson made an overnight trip there this month for a visit. They held a leader's meeting to discuss new leadership in the afternoon, and Wilson preached that night, which was the last of three days of special services for the anniversary of the church. Visitors from surrounding villages began arriving around 6:00 pm and the service started around 8:30.

When each visiting village gave their special presentation, the members of the church gifted each person in that group with a homemade candy headdress and/or necklace. All the pastors, leaders and church members received one and some held branches that were also decorated with candies. They did this not only to honor their guests, but to represent their traditional cultural dress for this special celebration of praise, worship and dancing... **Anniversary Celebration**



Leader's meeting



Special presentations

You may wonder why they left the large space in front of the church?! After each group gave their presentation, this area was packed with people praising and dancing before the Lord! Several gave their lives to Christ and others dedicated their lives to the Lord's service.



"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." Ps. 100:1

"Let them praise His name with dancing." Ps. 149:3

They continued worshipping until morning. Ben and Wilson went to their hammocks to get some sleep around 12:30 since they needed leave the next morning for their 2 1/2 hr. speed boat trip back to Benjamin.

Wilson and I went to Manaus in mid-May to do our biannual checkup and to connect with several pastors there to see if their churches would like to help with the monthly support of the two Brazilian pastors, who have just moved to Peru with their families, to pastor two churches and serve as Pastor Coordinators of the region where they live. We are seeking a two-year commitment.



At the end of June, Wilson and I will be going to the USA for the second half of our furlough, and we praise the Lord that He opened the door for me (Lori) to have cataract surgery on both eyes in July. We have already scheduled visits with the supporting churches and ministry partners that we didn't get to visit last year and will try to see as many of you as possible. We'll be sending you our stateside phone number sometime in June. It's always such a blessing to visit each one, fellowship together, give our personal thanks for your partnership and exchange hugs. We need those! 😊

Your prayers and partnership not only encourage and uplift us, but also allow us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, on a full-time basis, to the lost in remote river village throughout the Amazon. What a tremendous JOY to know that in Christ we are family and God give us the privilege of serving Him together with YOU!!

*In the service of the King,
Wilson and Lori*

Home Assignment/Furlough Schedule for the summer of 2023

The following list is our travel itinerary and the dates of visits with supporters and supporting churches. When we arrive in each state, we will contact individual supporters, as we are able, to schedule a visit with as many of you as possible). 😊

June 28 – July 13	Florida
July 14, 15	Georgia/Tennessee?
July 16-21 or 22	North Carolina (eye exams and cataract surgeries)
July 22,23	Virginia
July 25 – Aug. 3	ILLINOIS (visits with ministry partners)
July 28	East Peoria (Mission Committee – Riverside Community Church)
July 30	Morton (New Life Christian Church)
Aug. 3 – 23	WISCONSIN (visits with ministry partners)
Aug. 6	Burlington (Faith Chapel – Evangelical Free Church)
Aug. 7-9	Family
Aug. 10 – 12	Grafton
Aug. 13	Oostburg (First Presbyterian Church)
Aug. 14 – 23	Visits with ministry partners, etc.
Aug. 18 – 20	Stratford (mission team meeting/church)
Aug. 24 – 28	ILLINOIS (Visits with ministry partners)
Aug. 29 – 30	St. Louis, MO
Aug. 31	Alabama
Sept. 1 – 19	Florida
Sept. 19	Head back to Brazil



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