

“For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time – to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 1:9

*Wilson and I praise God that people throughout the Amazon are hearing God’s message of salvation and obeying His call to live a holy life. Wilson sent one of our Pr. Coordinators, Pr. Maurilio, together with missionary Damião, to visit the church plants in **Santa Teresa, Japon, Buen Sucesso and São Sebastian** for three days each. In **Santa Teresa** they gave a short message and instruction about baptism and its significance, and then baptized four people in the river, together with Luis, the leader of the church there. That evening they dedicated a couple to serve in the church as deacons. God has used Luis’s dedication and testimony to touch many lives in that village. We are so thankful for Maurilio and the pastor coordinators that help us carry out our commitment to visit, disciple leaders and help coordinate the ministries of the church plants in each region.*



**Repent
and be
baptized!**

Living, Loving and Leaving a Legacy

*This month we had the special honor of attending the **70th wedding anniversary of Pr. Manoel and Maria**. Their son, Pr. Chagas and his wife Ana and family have been close friends for over 40 years. This amazing couple served the Lord as pastors from the day they married.*



Through their Godly examples, they have raised their 12 children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. ALL of their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren (totaling close to 80) are serving the Lord wholeheartedly as pastors, church leaders and Christian witnesses. What a legacy! May we be faithful and obedient servants like this couple and leave a legacy of love and life in Christ!

*At the anniversary party we had the privilege of dining with Pr. Eliabe, Head Pr. Coordinator of the Assembly of God Churches in our region, Pr. Chagas from Manaus, Pr. Peter, director of missions, and another mission leader who is Pr. Coordinator of three churches, both from Blumenau, south Brazil. The two men from Blumenau have a deep passion for missions. They teach and administer at a two-year college in Blumenau, Santa Catarina called “**Hope Mission**”, which they helped establish several years ago. We had the opportunity to learn from them, share our mission vision with them, show them the mission base in Benjamin Constant, have them in our home for lunch and give them a tour of the city and church in Islândia, Peru.*



God sends laborers into His harvest!

*Wilson and I went to Manaus recently for medical check-ups and to ask churches to trust God to use them to make a two-year commitment to help provide monthly support for **Pr. Washington** and **Pr. Denis**, who recently moved to Peru with their families to pastor a church plant, plant new churches and serve as Pr. Coordinators in their respective areas. Both families are doing well. Pr. Denis and family know Spanish from their time as missionaries in Venezuela. They arrived in **Arequipa, Peru** two months ago. God has helped them form two Bible study groups and establish a church. Denis recently purchased some land and is looking for a container which will serve as their home.*



Pr. Moises and Pra. Vania have been dear friends for years and have always opened their hearts and home to us. We Loved spending time with them and their family, and also with our dear friends, Cleiton, Fernanda and their daughter Olivia. Pr. Jonatas gave Wilson an opportunity to share about missions in our area at the Central Church, where we received lots of love and hugs from brothers and sisters in Christ. Our medical exams went well, and we are just waiting for the results.



God numbers our days...



*While in Manaus, we received word that God called our brother-in-law, **Ken Debelak**, home. Ken faithfully served countless missionaries as a pilot with Mission Aviation Fellowship, and more specifically, Asas de Socorro in Brazil for 16 years. He was an excellent pilot and instructor and gave Wilson his “on the field” training. He also learned to speak Portuguese flawlessly. Ken was a dear friend and brother who helped us throughout our missionary*



career. He taught our kids how to drive and navigate life when they went to the USA for college. Both he and Patty welcomed them during the holidays, attended their graduations and weddings and helped them in numerous other ways. In more recent years we really looked forward to the special phone conversations with Ken during our long road trips in the USA while on home assignment. Just listening to what he was learning at church and in his Bible study and talking about the things of the Lord was always so uplifting and edifying. We are thankful for and will cherish these precious memories and praise the Lord that after a long journey battling health issues, he is now at peace and is resting in the arms of his heavenly Father.

Reach for the sky in Belém, Pará

Wilson was invited to fly the Cessna 206 for a special campaign of the Assembly of God Church in Belém, Pará to minister to two of the most undeveloped and poorest communities of the country, transporting doctors, dentists, and ministry workers a little over an hour away. 700 church volunteers travelled by ship. They did door to door evangelization, held worship services, distributed food parcels, conducted free workshops, constructed a health clinic, and gave 50 families a television to enable them to tune in to Christian and educational channels! More than 200 people gave their lives to Christ. Wilson was glad for the chance to give Heron more flight training. The first flight was with pastor Samuel Câmera, Pr. President of the Assembly of God Church in Belém and Pr. Philip, his son. They are the ones who masterminded this entire operation! God is making a difference in these places!

What a Joy to do God's work. Look at those smiles!



Evangelism, Medical/Dental clinic, food, TV, New Health Clinic, Multiple Wedding, and Workshops



8th Leadership Training Conference

After returned from his flights in Belém, Wilson held the **8th Leadership Training Conference** in **Islândia, Peru**. Fifty pastors and leaders participated, representing fifteen churches from river villages located in Brazil, Peru, and Colombia and Ticuna and Cocama ethnic groups from Indian tribes. Since it was too cold to sleep on our mission boat due to a cold front, everyone slept at the old (remodeled) church used by the Children's Department. God's blessings were abundant and all who participated were fed both physically and spiritually...



Wilson taught seminars on **Family, Finance, and the Organization of the Church**. As head Pastor Coordinator, he also met with each pastor individually to counsel, check on personal and ministry needs and help coordinate future ministries in each church. Ben gave an incredible **Overview of the Bible** and taught seminars on **Firm Foundations** and **Orality**, and Pr. Mardell gave seminars on the theme of the conference which was:

Evangelize, Disciple, Consolidate and Send



As God moved in the hearts of His people, there were incredible times of praise and worship, spiritual awakening through God's Word and tears of repentance and renewal. Several people were healed at the closing service. No one wanted to leave! The theme for all the church plants this year is: **Guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit**, which they incorporate into their messages once a month.

We are Christ's Ambassadors!

Pr. Washington is the new pastor of one of the church plants in Iquitos, Peru. Wilson has been accompanying and helping him since he and his family moved there a couple of months ago. He has been working hard to learn Spanish. Pr. Washington and his wife invited their neighbors and a couple of others from the neighborhood to their home to share God's Word. After the Bible study, all four of them knelt and trusted in Christ! This couple has a real gift for evangelism. They left everything behind to obey God calling to go to Peru and preach the Gospel! God has blessed them with many victories. The day after the conference, Wilson and Pr. Mardel went to Iquitos and stayed at their house several days to resolve leadership issues at two of the church plants and preach. Wilson needed to pick up his renewed Peruvian ID as well.



*Wilson and I will be in the USA when you receive this update. We can't wait to see as many of you as possible, or at least get in touch by phone. Our stateside number is: **(850) 992-7730**. We are always so thankful for special times like this when we can express our gratitude personally for your love, prayers, and partnership!*

God bless. See you soon!

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