

HAPPY NEW YEAR! *It's a new year, a new slate, a chance to start over. It's a time to make new goals and dream new dreams. What do you really want for 2024? Most would say they want to have a year filled with blessings. An abundant life does not depend on receiving blessings. What we really need to be truly blessed is to have God's PRESENCE in our lives. When we trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, listen to God's voice through His Word and obey what He says, God give us fulfillment, peace, purpose, JOY... an abundant life!*



Celebrating Jesus, Celebrating life in Christ

We loved spending the end of the year festivities with FAMILY. Christmas eve we enjoyed a KANNENBERG Christmas dinner with Neri's family at his house. Marli and I had a lot of fun creating the Christmas tree salad on the right. The kids grabbed the cheese stars immediately after prayer.



Christmas Eve

I prepared and served Christmas dinner at mom's house with Rosi, Bertli, Roberto and Marli. Wilson and I had the special privilege of celebrating the New Year with mom the following week. We went out for an afternoon stroll along the marina/oceanfront, dined together and had an awesome time of prayer and worship. We welcomed the New Year singing praises to the Lord, reading His Word and celebrating communion together. Mom's prayer was AMAZING! She mentioned numerous times how thankful she is to have God's PRESENCE in her life and then expressed her desire that God would be ever present, guiding the lives of all her loved ones too. New Years Day we had a great time of fellowship during afternoon tea with Neri, Raquel and Valter.



Christmas Day

New Years Eve



Communion



Afternoon Tea

How precious it is to celebrate the life God give us. We celebrated Maico and his 3 yr. old daughter, Aurora's birthday and had a wonderful time sharing in sweet fellowship with cousin Ivete.



Parabéns Maico and Aurora!



Family Gatherings

We are God's witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Wilson maintains constant contact with the pastor coordinators of all the church plants. How awesome it is to see God at work! Pr. Dennis ministers in Arequipa, Peru, in the Andes mountains. He and his wife took the members of their new little church to one of the many valleys of unreached Quechua Indians for a day of evangelization. (left) Pr Hélio held a special Christmas service at the Ticuna Indian church in São José, as well as a baptism and a wedding for multiple couples. (right) Wilson establishes a theme every year. This year's theme is: "Being SALT and LIGHT".

"You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world." Matthew 5:13,14



Arequipa, Peru



São José, Brazil

God is at work!

Christian Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Joinville

This month we travelled together with Neri, Wilson's brother, to Joinville, SC to sing (Neri), share a testimony and preach at one of our supporting churches: the Christian Evangelical Lutheran Mission. This church family and several dear friends made the commitment years ago to pray for us and partner with us in the ministries throughout the Amazon. We love spending time with these faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. Before the service we enjoyed wonderful fellowship with the Boldt family at their home. We received so much love and so many hugs at the end of the service, we forgot to take pictures of this God-honoring church family.



Familia Boldt



Neri



Celebrating our 40-year journey serving the Lord together!

January 20th, Wilson and I enjoyed a lovely day together celebrating our 40th anniversary, taking a trip down memory lane and praising God for allowing us to be best friends... to love, laugh and enjoy life TOGETHER. We started out the day with breakfast at a sidewalk café. Look at the order number they gave us! 😊



Witmarsum

This month we also travelled with Neri to the Mennonite community, Witmarsum, Santa Catarina, which is a tourist destination specializing in old-fashion German cuisine. There we visited brothers and sisters in Christ, Arlindo, Gutrum and Samuel. We had an awesome time fellowshiping together and getting to know their parents and pastor. They gave us a tour of their community, beautiful and rustic guest houses called Wunderland and a small chocolate factory in town (best chocolate ever)!



Arlindo, Gutrum, Samuel

Guest Houses Wunderland



Chocolate Factory



Celebrating Life

As soon as we returned, we gathered together with family to celebrate Rosi's birthday. (Wilson's sister) These special times sharing the life and love we have in Christ refresh our souls and edify our hearts!



Prayer Requests:

1. In the next three weeks, Wilson and I will be preaching and ministering in churches here in south Brazil and would appreciate your prayers for God's wisdom and direction.
2. I will be speaking to a women's group at one of these churches on the 6th.
3. Pray for the three mission teams we will be welcoming the beginning of this year as we begin preparations and plan agendas for ministering in river communities in Brazil and Peru.
4. We'd appreciate continued prayers for Wilson's complete recovery from shingles. After 3 mo. he is sleeping better and the pain and sensation of burning in his left leg is better.
5. Pray for the Spicers, who just returned to the Amazon last week as they settle into the ministries once again and life with 4 kids! Ben's parents travelled with them and will visit for two weeks.

Wilson and I praise the Lord for YOU... for your love, friendship, prayers and partnership. May God bless you abundantly in 2024 and may His presence fill your life with JOY!

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Psalms 16:11

*With all our love and hugs,
Wilson and Lori*

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