

**IQUITOS - INDIANA** At the beginning of May, Wilson went to **Iquitos** to visit the three church plants, hold meetings, preach, encourage the leaders and honor Pr. Washington and his family, who is on medical leave due to various health issues. Wilson took Pr. Luis, from Santa Teresa, with him.



Sunday, Wilson travelled by boat to visit the church in **Indiana**. This congregation is so excited to find ways to grow and spread the Gospel in the surrounding communities! Wilson held a meeting on ministry strategies and preached God's Word that night. This trip was filled with God's blessings!



Beautiful and blessed Indiana!



Time to head for home. Wilson taking the first of three boats to return to Benjamin Constant.

While Wilson was in Iquitos, I was busy preparing for a trip at the end of this month with a mission team from the Mill Church in Stratford, WI. I was also helping prepare Lucas's birthday party.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LUCAS!** Our grandson, Lucas, is an energetic, enthusiastic, loving, thoughtful, attentive and amazing boy, who has a heart for the Lord. He was delighted to celebrate his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday with friends. Using a "traffic" theme, our message to him this year is... **STOP and listen to God. SLOW DOWN and reserve time for God. GO and walk with God every day.** Wilson was even able to watch some of the fun through our security cameras. Jessica once again outdid herself by making mud cake with worms no less at Lucas's request! 😊





**The Mill Church** The 4<sup>th</sup> week of May, we welcomed a mission team of 13 from **The Mill Church** in Stratford, WI and headed out on the mission boat to the river village of **Sapotal**.



**Sapotal** The kids LOVED the dramatized story of David and Goliath during Sunday School.





That afternoon, everyone participated in multiple activities. We loved pouring God's love over them!

## ***A day filled with Ministry Activities***







*One of the highlights of our trip was a visit with the village chief, who was very excited to welcome us into his home. He shared about the history of his village and the challenges they faced through the years as others came in bringing unwelcome changes to their customs and culture. His message was that of a people who never give up and remain strong in the face of challenges. We were honored to meet with him, learn about his community and witness his wise and faithful leadership!*

***Santa Luzia*** *The following day we went to Santa Luzia. Under Wilson's direction, Pr. Henrique and his family started a new church plant. The team raised funds and came to help build the church. After 2 ½ days of hard, grueling work in the rain and on hot and humid days, it was a tremendous sense of accomplishment to see the foundation of the church close to completion. Soon this village will have a place of worship where the people can KNOW God and make Him KNOWN!*



*Rainy days.*



*Sunny, Hot and Humid days.*



*Look at those smiles of a job well done!*



*Time to refuel!*



*What a privilege to teach dental hygiene in Sapotal and Santa Luzia, give fluoride treatments, tell the story of David and Goliath, learn new Bible songs and enjoy times of fun and games!*



*Several of us ladies enjoyed spending an afternoon with the village women coloring together and getting to know one another through questions and answers. We discovered that we are more ALIKE than different! 😊 These women take pride in knowing how to do a little bit of EVERYTHING. Their favorite past times are keeping house, cooking, sewing, volleyball, soccer and TV... in that order! It was so special to be welcomed into their beautiful and clean homes the next morning to get a glimpse of what village life is like. They are a hard-working, talented and creative group of ladies!*



*One evening, we participated in a church service, which was held in the space underneath Pr. Henrique's home. How precious it was to worship the Lord together! We presented a Sunday School kit containing three years of Curriculum for the children's department, including lesson plans, visuals, activity pages, etc.*





*Our last two days with the team hold special memories as well. Since most team members were women (11), they enjoyed a shopping spree one morning in downtown Benjamin Constant and having a tour of the fish and fruit/vegetable markets. We also shopped in downtown Letícia, Colombia before their evening flight their last day.*

*The absolute highlight of this trip was a special surprise prepared by the team leaders for the end of our time together... a foot washing/communion service conducted in our home. It was an emotional, blessed time of humbling ourselves before the Lord, sharing from our hearts, reflecting on lessons learned and experiencing sweet fellowship and unity first-hand. We will cherish these precious memories forever!*



*Our special thanks to **The Mill Church** and the mission team leaders and members for coming and serving the Lord together with us to reach the Amazon for Christ! Thank you for your many prayers, abundant giving to meet ministry needs, your loving, humble spirits, your attentiveness in pitching in wherever needed, your Godly examples and insights, for being creative, flexible, hard-working and open to God's promptings.*

*We will be forever grateful for all our ministry partners, including the **Spicer Family**, who led ministry activities throughout the week and took care of logistics and transportation, and for those of you who back us and the ministries in prayer so faithfully, help meet our support needs, and are dedicated to serving the Lord in obedience to His calling.*

*Wilson and Lori*



*Reaching the Amazon for Christ!*

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