



Asas de Socorro

Wings of Mercy

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Greetings from Brazil!

The year 2007 ended with a formal pot luck dinner with our mission staff, thanking God for His goodness and blessings throughout the year and celebrating the life we have in Christ. The end of this year was packed full of blessing and victories in our family. Julie and Joshua finished another tough school year and did



a GREAT job. Julie spent the holidays with a college friend at her home in Florida and Joshua stayed at school to work. Jessica has had some special victories of her own. She has been studying music and classical piano for the past three years and is one of the top three of sixty students. She played three pieces in her recital just recently including "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Hymns are among her favorites. Jessica graduated from high school in December and is looking forward to studying nursing at College of the Ozarks in the fall with Joshua and Julie.

Joshua and Julie continue their work-study jobs at the college and work as many hours as they can off campus to help with personal expenses and to set funds aside to help with rent in the fall. When we go on furlough, they plan to spend six weeks with us visiting family, friends and churches and just being a family. To reduce costs, we will be helping them move into an apartment in May.

A New Year is here, new opportunities and challenges, new beginnings and a time to look back and rejoice in all God is and has done. We are so happy to be ministering in the Amazon: out of Manaus for the past thirteen years and twenty-eight years with Asas de Socorro, Wings of Mercy. We want to praise God for His presence here with us, His care and protection, His financial provision and the privilege we have to serve Him in Brazil! We know that everything--experiences, ministries and victories conquered--are a result of God's direction in our lives through your prayers and support. Thank You for partnering with us!



Julie surprised us with a short visit at the beginning of January. A friend gave her a ticket. What a wonderful blessing to see her, talk with her, hug and help her! We had another "Christmas dinner" and then took her to have her remaining three wisdom teeth pulled! We sent Joshua his birthday greetings (22) via a computer call. He was so excited to tell us of his wonderful three hour job review at the hotel and his new promotion - weekend supervisor over all the employees who work





at the front desk. The best part is that it is basically the same as what he does now, it does not interfere with church, and he gets paid a good amount more. We always tell him that when we are faithful, honest and do our best, God blesses. Joshua is a hard worker, very responsible and loves to go the extra mile. Wilson had flights and work all through the holidays and Julie's visit, but we still had an awesome time. We were so busy we almost forgot our 24th wedding anniversary. I KNOW we won't forget our anniversary next year!

In February, a mission team of eight came from WI. They spent one day painting an entire church in the village near our hangar. Our Asas de Socorro mission staff organized clinic and evangelistic ministries in that village the following day including tooth extractions, dental hygiene & fluoride treatments in the local school (350 children), medical consultations, blood pressure checks, and breast exams. We also had a praise team, evangelism and Bible stories. One little girl we attended to had a very serious heart problem and was sent to a hospital immediately. The team gave hair cuts, evangelized, told the Bible story, etc. We praise God that eight children gave their lives to Christ, and our mission received an invitation from the principal of the school to teach a class once a month!



The team also ministered to a river village called Botafogo, ten hours up river. Wilson and I help organize the agenda, answer questions and take care of oodles of other details for each team. We also accompany them while they are here, translating and ministering with them. A Christian lady from the village asked God for a church. Although she had no resources, she and two other women

from a neighboring village began praying at 3:00 AM every morning trusting God for a miracle. After a few months, they heard word that God had chosen a foreign mission team to provide the funds for supplies and help them build their church!! Another man from the village was led by God to donate the logs.



Through the faithfulness of these women and the obedience of those of us whom God called to minister to this village, Botafogo now has a viable Christian church, a new pastor and nineteen children and

four adults gave their lives to Christ! Thank you for participating with us through your prayers and support and for being a part of God's blessings and victories!!



*It is time for our **furlough**. This is a mission requirement and our special opportunity to visit and share with family, friends, personal supporters and supporting churches after ministering and serving on a full-time basis for three and one-half years on the mission field. We would really appreciate your prayers for safe travel, for our ministries in supporting churches and for the many details we must take care of in between times. This is our agenda so far:*

April 4-17 Build a church and minister in a village in the Amazon with the mission team from Riverside Church in IL
April 18 Celebrate Jessica's Birthday
April 19: **Leave for the USA**
April 20-26 (look for old car & legalize transfer) Hopefully make a brief visit to family in WI
April 27 **Woodrige Community Church, Pr. Dave Mobley, WI**
April 28-30 Visit family in IL
April 30-May 15 Travel to Branson, MO; help Joshua and Julie find apartment and move
May 16-31 Visit family, friends and churches in IL
May 18 **Newlife Christian Church, Pr. Dave Troyer, IL;**, kids begin their six weeks of summer work in MO
May 25 **Minister in a church in IL?**
June 1 **Faith Evangelical Free Church (Faith Chapel), Pr. Charles, WI**
June 8 **Oostburg, WI**
June 15 **Church of the Open Door, WI**
June 20-22 Spend time with family in WI
June 23-July 4 Visit supporters on the way to Branson; pick up kids and visit supporters in TX and the east coast
July 5-12 **FAMILY REUNION IN VA** with entire Narwold-Johnson clan
July 13-19 Travel with kids visiting supporters
July 20 **Faith Bible Church, Pr. Terry Angles, WI**
Aug. 3 **Cornerstone Church Mission, IL, Pr. Robert Johnson;** visit family and friends in IL
Aug. 10 **Eastview Christian Church, IL, Pr. Mike Baker**
Aug. 15-25 Take kids to College of the Ozarks in MO; Jessica has Character Camp for a week
Joshua and Julie work.
Aug. 30-31 **Riverside Community Church, Pr. John King, IL**
Sept. 5-7 Sister's Retreat (Bonnie, Patty and I)
Sept. 14 **Minister in supporting church?**
Sept. 23 Return to Brazil

We will be more available during the week and would love to visit with as many of you as possible and share together in God's goodness!

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*We will activate a cell phone the second week of May: 417-230-8840. **Please use this number only after it's activated. Thank you.***

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Annual Report for the Wings of Mercy Manaus Flight Base

Wings of Mercy accomplished these clinic trips from our base in Manaus in 2007*:

Total number of communities reached: 30

Total number of medical consultations: 3022

Total number of dental consultations: 1458

Total number of dental procedures: 3034

Total number of volunteer Christian professionals participated: 82 (doctors, dentists, nurses, specialists)

Total number of toothbrushes distributed: 1256

Total number of dentures: 84

During each clinic**, personal one-to-one evangelism takes place in each village the Word is preached, there is an evangelist and a children's evangelist during each clinic who work with the villagers and the hundreds of children. We don't have specific data as to the number of people who gave their lives to Christ, but there were many--to God be the glory. We never work in a village without a church backing us up who plans to be responsible for that area, plant a church and send a full time pastor for follow up and discipleship. We hope to have more data on this next year. We also hope to partner with other missions and churches to concentrate on leadership training in these isolated river villages.

Total number of American mission teams in 2007: 5

Total number of churches built: 5

Number of mission teams in 2008: 3

Churches built in 2008: 3

This is what God is doing through your prayers and support!

- God provided donations for 2 new Kodiak airplanes (10 seaters) in answer to your prayers. We will receive them in 2011 to help in ministry expansion so the mission can open up two new flight bases and, in partnership with other missions and churches, reach the entire Amazon region for Christ.
- Through donations God provided a barge to aid in delivering water filters to river villages. The Gospel of Jesus, "The Fountain of Living Water" will be delivered along with the filters! Also, donations came in for 2500, light weight, newly designed plastic filters (same as the cements ones) to be shipped to Manaus which will enable us to deliver more filters for about the same price! The new filters are now on the way.
- The completion of the OA - ASAS mission boat for delivering filters and for use with mission teams.
- More than 35 villages heard the Gospel, and there were several people in many of the villages who gave their lives to Christ. Through the new church plants, more villagers are being evangelized, disciplined and receiving leadership training.

* This does not include data for the 5 other flight bases where Wilson is in charge. It also does not include flights we do for churches, missions, pastors or the mission team ministries.

** Mission team ministries are not included in our clinic trip data, but when the teams work in the villages, we also give toothbrushes, dental/medical care, dental hygiene seminars and we evangelize using VBS, seminars with the men and women, and church services. Each church receives Sunday School books, visuals and supplies; and the families of the church receive Bibles. The villagers also receive clothing, candy, school supplies, etc. Each team ministers to a different village area where there is no existing church but a pastor has already been designated. When we leave, the new pastor is there to continue preaching the word, counseling and follow up with discipleship and leadership training.