



Asas de Socorro

(Wing of Help)



Giving wings to those who give their lives

March 2009 Update

Greetings from the Amazon!

First of all we want to say a big thank you for keeping us in touch! We LOVED hearing from so many of you over the holidays! December was a busy month. Wilson flew over 100 hours in 40 days with several overnights. There was a baptism in the Black River again this year. Wilson was one among 240 pastors that helped to baptize a little over 8000 people. What an awesome experience that was! I kept busy preparing for our end of the year pot luck and Christmas program with our staff, working on mission and ministry projects and catching up on correspondence. We had 36 mission staff at our house for one last pot luck dinner on the 23rd and welcomed Ricardo, a new pilot and his family to our flight base. God answers prayer! Thank you so much for trusting Him with us to meet these needs.



Many have asked about our "kids." They finished the fall semester at College of the Ozarks with excellent grades and a job well done. Joshua stayed in Branson to work and Julie and Jessica went to IL and WI to be with family for Christmas. Jessica spent much of her time learning to drive with her uncle and is doing fantastically well! Winter is a wonderland for her. We are so grateful for Uncle Ken and Uncle Les who also took on the challenge of helping Julie move to Ken and Patty's house in East Peoria. She is attending ICC for 1 semester to finish the prerequisites for entering St. Francis School of Nursing in the fall (Peoria, IL) where she will finish her degree. God provides! Francis as a transporter of patients.

The nursing school requires several shots and a CPR course, both of which the hospital is providing and paying for since Julie works there! Thank you for praying for her!! Her new address is below. Julie will turn 21 March 8th and Jessica will be 18 April 20th. We miss our "kids" so much but praise God for caring for them in such special ways!



After five very long months, we finally got our car back-(new/used) engine and all. We take nothing for granted here and praise God for meeting our needs on a daily basis (even if it means walking or riding the bus)!

In Jan. and Feb. I had several medical exams and am happy to say I am doing great...except for my arms. After years of treatments and pain, it looks like I may need surgery on my left shoulder joint. I have limited movement and my muscles are beginning to atrophy. If something is not done soon, I may lose the use of my arm. Please pray for wisdom and direction to know what we should do since our health plan does not have a doctor who can do this procedure.



Wilson and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary on the 21st of January. Wilson totally surprised me by asking me to pack a little suitcase and taking me to a great hotel here in town for a night. We enjoyed a good swim, an awesome dinner and most of all each other! He was so excited to give me

the earrings and necklace he purchased that he just handed them over first thing in the morning. We shed tears of joy and thankfulness as I read a special poem I wrote for him in Portuguese, and he shared his declaration of love for me. How blessed we are to be united before God, to serve Him together and to share our lives and love for 25 years!



The ministries of Asas de Socorro (Wings of Help) are expanding. We not only fly for churches and missions, but for fishermen and others as well. Every flight has given us the opportunity to minister and be a testimony for the Lord! Flights have been nonstop since November. Wilson flew two veteran missionary women to an Indian tribe, so they could help a couple of men translate the Jesus Movie into the Apuriná language. After two weeks in the tribe, the movie was complete and the Indians saw it for the first time. How awesome it is to know that through your love, prayers and support, the life story of Jesus and His message of salvation are reaching the "ends of the earth!"

The middle of February, I had the privilege of giving two seminars for parents on their God given responsibilities to their children and the importance of children's ministries. There were close to fifty parents and we had a tremendous time. The first mission team for 2009 just arrived from Riverside Church in Peoria, IL and is ministering together with us from Feb. 26th-March 12th. The second team from IL will arrive the 14th of March and stay through the 21st. What a privilege it is to minister to these unreached river communities, share the Gospel and construct two new churches. The 21st we will go to south Brazil. Wilson is on the board of directors of the mission, and we will both be participating in the yearly board meetings. We also plan to spend one week with Wilson's family before heading back to Manaus.

Thank you so much for backing us up in prayer, for meeting our support needs and ministering together with us! God has blessed us richly through you!

Love and prayers,

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Manaus Morsels

Just a few facts about Brazil... Brazil has over 200,000,000 people and is half the land mass of South America. It is as large as the continental US and also as large as continental Europe excluding the Soviet Union. The Amazon River network holds 20% of the world's fresh water. It dumps 3 million gallons of water every minute into the South Atlantic. You can go 100 miles out to sea, beyond the sight of land, and dip down to drink fresh water from the Amazon. The river is 3,600 miles long inside the borders of Brazil and reaches another 1,600 miles on into Peru. It is over 200 miles wide at its mouth at Belem, 500 miles inland at Santarem it is 35 miles wide and 1,000 miles inland at Manaus it is still 5 miles wide. Of the seven largest rivers in the world, three of them are among the 1,100 tributaries of the Amazon.

Jon Lewis (retired MAF missionary) said it took him and the Asas de Socorro survey team 20 minutes in a motorboat to cross the Amazon 3,600 miles inland near the Peru border and yet they were only 200 feet above sea level. I quote Jon Lewis, "Some 35,000 river villages (remnants of the now abandoned rubber industry established in the early 1900's) are scattered along the Amazon River system and home to literally millions of people. Only about 5,000 of these communities are known to have any church work. (Now it's up to 14,000) That makes for a significant number of unreached people. More extensive float plane operations could be the key to reaching these unchurched villages.