



Wings of Help Ministries - Amazon, Brazil



We're back!

Ok, so some of you may wonder "From where and to where?" Wilson and I left the USA June 30th and arrived in Brazil the afternoon of July 1st. It was a wonderful trip, one of the best we have had in a long time. We had no glitches with our baggage and were allowed 2 bags each and the 70 lbs allotted all those going to Brazil and were able to get some sleep in Miami. We did get stuck for 1 1/2 hour at the head of the airstrip in Dallas because of a storm in Mexico and high winds and rain in Miami, but once we took off everything was fine.

We brought so many amazing memories back home with us... Julie's graduation from St Francis School of Nursing, Julie and Brandon's outdoor wedding only one week later on the most beautiful day ever, our trip and time of deputation in WI and having the opportunity to see so many of you, visits and deputation in IL, my special "sister's day" with my two sisters and our family reunion. We are so thankful to the Lord for allowing us to visit almost all of our supporting churches, ministry partners and family. For some of you we had to be content to share and chat over the phone and for some although we tried, we were not able to get through and will keep trying even from Brazil! :) It was awesome just to see you, spend time with so many of you, fellowship together, have some fun and be so blessed. We praise God for the wonderful car he provided through special friends who have such a heart to serve and bless others. We praise Him for the hearts and homes He opened up to us during our many travels and for allowing us to do in 6 wks what we would normally do in 3 months time.

After the wedding, we went to WI and then headed out to TN for the family reunion. There were 68 of us total. It was so very special to have Joshua and Leighann come from Orlando, FL and Jessica from MO to the reunion and be able to share a cabin together for a whole week! What a blessing to see our entire family, my sisters and brothers and their kids and grandkids and my Aunt Alice and Uncle Everett and their whole family as well. It was a rainy week but we did have two or three days to enjoy the beach at Lake Tansi and be outside. What kinds of things did we do?... played table games, had bon fires and s'mores, had an ice cream social, a couple of pot luck dinners together at the recreation center, the ladies had a purse swap and made button bracelets, a birthday party for one of the grandkids, celebrated Everett and Alice's 50th anniversary, spent time at the beach, had one day of boating (pontoon), played extreme frisbee golf, bate ball, baseball (with the kids) and did LOTS and LOTS of talking and visiting to catch up on each other lives and ministries. It was a tremendous week and ended with Ben and Jessica's wedding (my brother Tom's youngest son). It's not so much what

we did that mattered as much and who we celebrated. We celebrated God's goodness in our lives, we celebrated the life we have in Christ, we celebrated each other and who we are in Christ.

Julie and Brandon were the only ones unable to attend the reunion. Three days after the wedding Julie took a one week intensive nationwide course on how to pass the boards. While we were in TN, she took the boards... and PASSED! We are so proud of her and grateful to the Lord for the opportunity she had to study nursing and to learn to serve others with this profession. Right now she is taking a variety of classes, a requirement for all nurses and soon will begin a 3 mo. period of orientation for the Neuro Intensive Care Unit. She is still very much on the go and excited to settle down into her full time work schedule. Brandon will take a few classes in the fall and enter the nursing program in December. Even though they got off to a very busy start, they are enjoying their journey together as a couple and trusting God for their future.

Jessica left her car with some wonderful friends of ours in St. Louis so we could drive together to the reunion. After the reunion she was able to stay with us until the day before we left when we drove her back to St. Louis. What a precious time we had with her visiting friends and supporting churches, travelling and just being together. It's just amazing how God orchestrates our time, our schedules and all the little details so we can have the opportunity to see you, to share, to be with family and so much more.

It's so hard to say goodbye and yet we bring you back with us in our hearts as we minister and fellowship together through love and prayers. It's hard to leave our "kids" once again but how can we be sad when we see God doing so many incredible things in their lives and taking such good care of them?! Right after we got back we went to a gorgeous wedding of some dear friends of our here and worked on unpacking and settling in. The end of this week a mission team of 7 will be arriving from IL and AK for one week (8th-14th) and we will be painting a church in a river village, evangelizing house to house and ministering to needs through water filters and any other way we can help. The day after this team leaves another team of 17 will arrive from IL (15th-23rd) to construct a church in a river village, minister and get to know the people as this team plans to come back a few times to visit the same village. We are looking forward to ministering together with these teams and serving God together.

It's hard to express in words the heartfelt thankfulness we have for each of you... each friend, each family member, each church family. We miss you and enjoyed being with you so much. We travelled a lot, slept in over 15 different places sometimes going back to the same place twice and through it all we felt so loved, so welcome, so blessed! It makes our return to Brazil a time of rejoicing when we see how abundant life is with God. We love you and appreciate your prayers more than you will ever fathom. We are still looking for God's direction about our future and the possibility of expanding the ministries to the west. Please continue to pray with us for direction, clarity, the stages of preparation and timing. Just like God orchestrated our furlough to the USA, we are looking to Him to continue orchestrating our future and showing us how He chooses to use us for His glory and honor.

May God richly bless you for your love and faithfulness to Him. Thank you for allowing God to use you to bless us in so many ways!!!

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