

From a grateful

"I will praise You, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all Your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High." Ps. 9:1&2

Dear Friends at Bloomer Baptist Church,

I hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving, remembering that our hearts should always overflow with thankfulness to our Creator and Provider. Thanks so much for your continued friendship, prayers and support. May He continue to bless you all. This scene overlooking the White River and mountains beyond I've been feasting on for just over a month but I'll be soon heading to other spots on God's great earth. I want to catch you up a little and thank you for praying for me throughout another year.



On October 21st Miriam, Marta and I flew out of the village and Edmilson arrived to spend a few weeks with Coy, his brother-in-law. Coy will be "holding down the fort" until the middle of February but during the next few months the Lord is providing different visitors for him so he won't be alone. Marta flew down to São Paulo to be with her mom & family, as well as treating her health needs. Last week Miriam flew down to be with their daughter Telma and will also visit son Eldon and family. It's been good to have my friends Lázaro, Aidil and Caio (almost 3) here at the mission property as well. They are expecting little David soon and next year will head back to the Novo Demini village. Will, our support guy (jack-of-all-trades this year), likes to hang out with us between work and wedding plans, as he's leaving single life on Dec. 10th. This month has found me often at the dentist, having extensive work done, my main reason for being here. I'm also having my routine medical exams and I've been enjoying my aqua-gymnastics class, which is great exercise, back-strengthening and fun. The Lord has also blessed me with opportunities in different churches and times with friends, both believers and non-believers. My desire is to be an encouragement and light.

Last week I finally was able to visit our Yanomami friends at the place where they stay while being treated here in town. The ladies were especially glad to see me. Please pray for Siuma, as she has had constant pain but they haven't been able to find a diagnose yet. I was really concerned for Doçura, Bento's wife, as she has had headaches almost constantly for several months and hopeully she will see a neurologist soon. Pray for Doçura and Bento, as they are close to us but are not believers yet. Hexaneixi, Safira's sister and Siuma's sister-in-law asked for prayer, as Sávio, her husband, has been unfaithful again and is not taking care of their sons. Hexaneixi recently adopted a little girl (another story) and she is leaning on Jesus in spite of her family struggles. Thanks for praying for her. I talk with Coy on the radio on most Tuesdays & Fridays and it's always good to hear news from the jungle. I miss home already but am also looking forward to the next couple months.

Lord willing my dental work will be finished by the 30th, when I plan to fly to Campinas, São Paulo, where Marta will meet me. We have some plans to visit friends, beaches and miles of smiles before I fly north to winter and my family in Ohio around December 14th. I'm super excited to join more family in Wisconsin for Christmas and yes, I hope for snow and warm clothes!

Thanks again for your friendship, prayers and encouragement. The challenges of life and ministry continue but by God's grace I can sing: "It is well with my soul."



With deep gratitude,

Brenda

Marta with Jovino and Zenildo at the new round house sight.



Hexaneixi with baby Selina



Safira's skills at weaving a baby sling



Caio & I at our breakfast after blood exams

