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A 2023 Year In Review

"A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." Deuteronomy 11:12

Thank you for your faithful partnership with us in life and ministry in 2023. Your prayers and support make possible this ministry of serving our Savior in South America.

Family News: Our first ministry is family! In May of 2023 Stephanie and I celebrated 32 years of marriage, while leading a medical missions team in the Amazon jungle. Our intent was to celebrate after the Amazon trip, but when flight cancelations delayed our return by two days, we decided to make the best of it. Missionary life is all about being fluid. Our kids, Seth and Susana, continue to lead the church in São Paulo, where Seth is pastor and Susana, pastor's wife and bus captain. They also us help lead the Amazon Connect trips. Samuel was back in the US last year, serving in a good church as children's pastor, media guy and Awana teacher; while making a living as pastry chef. Stu serves in his church and continues to reach independence as an autistic adult.

Mission News: As director of the South America division of BIM I, we wear many hats. We have the blessed privilege of mentoring missionaries and opening new fields in South America. In 2023 we had 21 new missionaries on deputation to South America, with eight new arrivals to their respective fields. One couple, the Mariners, are our first missionaries in Suriname. As director, in March of this year we hosted a Conference in Brazil to encourage all of our South America missionaries. Also, during the year we teach in Colleges, Candidate school, Camp BIM I, Enrichment week and preach conferences. We serve with a great team of 100+ missionaries in South America

Amazon For Christ News: The AFC Storage Facility is near completion! We marvel at how that God has provided this facility, since we began the building process early in 2023. This year through the **Amazon Connect Teams** we ministered in five countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru), lead 78 team member volunteers, helped 22 national pastors and missionaries in their church plants, treated 2032 patients through the mobile medical clinics, lead 163 people to profess faith in Christ, spoke to over 1200 public school students in six different schools and distributed thousands of tracts, gospel booklets, Bibles and audio Bibles in four recorded languages (Spanish, Portuguese, Tikuna, Culina). **To God be the glory!**

Brazil Church Plant News: In 2023, the church plant in Guacuri hit a mile stone. We closed the year in negotiations for the purchase of property for a permanent location. This is miraculous seeing that in Sao Paulo, South America's largest city, property is very expensive. We are preparing at the beginning of 2024 to organize the church and ordain their pastor. Uarlisson and his wife, Grazi, have been with the work from the beginning, recently finished seminary and are excited to step into this new role.



Climbing the Machu Picchu in Peru with our son, Seth



New Missionaries Join the BIM I SA Team



Team Amazon helping new church plants!



Celebrating 32 yrs of marriage and 31 yrs of ministry

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