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JEYSON & STEPHANIE BRAUN

Giving Wings to The Good News

Missionaries with
Commission
TO EVERY NATION

Serving at
JAARS

Our Summer Serving in Brazil.

A few weeks ago, we returned home from our summer serving in Brazil. It was an incredible opportunity, and we are so grateful that we were able to go! It was very fulfilling to make a difference in such a practical way through Jeyson serving in the hangar, helping to get Asas de Socorro's planes back in the air.

One huge project took place in the city of Boa Vista, an isolated city in the Amazon. The mission has a very busy flight program in Boa Vista, with over 700 hours flown each year to villages by just one plane! And this one plane was badly in need of updating. During our time in Boa Vista, Jeyson and the rest of the maintenance team did an unbelievable amount of work in a short time. The plane's inside was stripped down, and new seats, side paneling, and ceiling were installed. The avionics system was updated with new equipment, and the whole outside of the plane was repainted.

The days were super long, HOT, and tiring for the team. Some nights, the team only returned home at 11 p.m. And once, the hangar flooded with rain while the men were trying to paint the plane. But in the end, almost all of the goals were checked off the list. On the last day, it was incredibly fulfilling for the mission's families to gather at the hangar to watch the



successful test flight. Authorized! The plane could get back to operations. Back to giving wings to the Good News of Jesus.

The major focus the rest of the summer was Jeyson working with the local missionary team to repair one of the mission's Cessna 206 airplanes. A few months ago, this plane suffered an accident in a village. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but the plane was significantly damaged. The mission has been working to overhaul and renew this plane and eventually get it back in the air flying to villages. Asas was glad to have Jeyson's help on this huge project this summer, especially as he is now more

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experienced with major overhauls and repairs due to serving at JAARS. It was a joy to contribute our time and Jeyson's skill set to help with the needs in Brazil. The team made a lot of progress this summer, but there's still a long way to go on this project. It is our prayer that the team will have wisdom and endurance for this process and that soon, the plane will be back to bringing God's love and Word to those who still need to hear.

Serving Women.

This summer, God gave me (Stephanie) many opportunities to serve Him through relationships, including through: hospitality, visiting and praying with women (some in very difficult situations), childcare, and taking a pregnant friend to her prenatal appointments. It is a privilege to use my gifts for God's glory, even during my current busy stage of motherhood.

Our Kids in Brazil.

It was such a joy to be back in Brazil!! And our kids loved it, too! From the moment we arrived, a swarm of welcoming children were anxiously waiting at our door, asking for our kids to come and play. From watching wild monkeys swing in trees to nonstop pick up games of soccer, from visiting Jeyson at the hangar to spending time at an orphanage and with people in need. The time in Brazil was a blessing in our kids' lives. We saw God work in and through them to understand more about Himself and His love for all people. And they had a lot of fun along the way!

Thank you so much for you faithful partnership that allowed us to serve in Brazil this summer and that also makes possible the ongoing ministry we get to do at JAARS!



Using a press to make fresh sugar cane juice.

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