

Dear friends and family,

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"He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He." Deut. 32:4

I'm sending you greetings on this Sunday from Puraquequara, my old school-home on the banks on the Amazon! It's always good to be here. :) Today in the meeting we sang and also heard in the message about Christ being our solid Rock and that's exactly what I've been thinking about these days. I am so glad to have Him in my life as my firm Anchor and strong Tower, no matter what storms are raging around me.

It's been just over two weeks since Coy, Miriam, Marta and I flew out of the tribe. That same day, the pilot first made a quick trip over to the town of Santa Isabel to take Ezekiel and two of the other teachers. They were able to get a boat to Barcelos and meet with the Secretary of Education. We don't know the result of that and what was decided, but we did hear that they were heading back up the river last weekend and should be home by now. Please pray especially for the believers at Marari, that they will have the desire to meet together even when the missionaries are away and that their feet will stay firmly on the Rock.

Marta and I flew to Manaus on Tuesday morning and the following day we joined the students heading back to school on the mission launch, coming out here to PQQ. We've been visiting with friends (staying with Leda and Elma) and it's always wonderful to see my nieces. Kalli and Alyssa are in high school and Katelyn is out here visiting but soon heading back down the Peniel, the NTM Bible School in Minas.

We've been working on the school books, excited that the end is getting closer, but the last details and corrections always take time. Tomorrow we will be going back to Manaus and this week we'll meet with Christa and the language consultant team to discuss certain things about the primers and iron out some more wrinkles. We really appreciate your prayers as we run the last lap of this marathon. Through all the struggles it's always helpful to think of the enthusiastic Yanomami students who are getting closer to being able to read God's Word in their own language. Pray that they will recognize Him as their solid Rock and His Word as their final authority and guide through life.

Once again I apologize to all of you to whom I owe mail. Thanks for hanging in there and still loving me. It's good to be where internet access is more available but I also need to remember to keep my focus on what I need to do these days. Thanks for praying for that as well!

I hope you are having a great Sunday, wherever you are. It's almost time for lunch in the dining hall - more sweet and delicious memories!

Standing of the Rock,
Brenda