

God says... **“I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert...” (Is 43:13)**

In the heart of the Amazon rain forest the watery wilderness is only surpassed by the vast spiritual emptiness of the river people and the seemingly impossibility of how to reach them. **But God makes a way!**

We arrived at the river edge and waited in the hot sun for the motorized canoe to take us to the small village of Conceição. Arriving at Bacural's little wooden home on the river, we were very happy to see the spiritual growth in this young man who we believe will be a future church leader. During our visit, Bacural shared with us the following poem that he wrote expressing his love for the Lord and his love for the Word of God.



Visiting the community of Conceição



Bacural reading his Bible (wife and baby girl on left)

We were so surprised as many of the people on the rivers can barely read and write. After we shared the Word together we had a beautiful time of worship and prayer. The Lord's presence was very real, and Bacural's mother in law was healed of asthma as we prayed for her. Bacural's in-laws have given their lives to the Lord and now want to be baptized.

Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life

*The Word of God for me is a treasure beyond comparison,
Of immeasurable value that speaks of the love of God,
Of love that never ends, more precious than gold, this love.*

*The Word of God sweeter than honey, is received by faith,
Is faithful because God gave to us Emanuel,
The Living Rock from which flows milk and honey.*

*The Word is a light that guides us in the path of peace
And illuminates those who are in darkness.
A light that reveals satan's traps and shines brightly in the deepest night.*

*It is a lighthouse ever shining to show the port of salvation,
So those who enter the ark, leaving the world behind,
Will certainly arrive at their eternal mansion.*

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“For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.” 1 Cor. 19:9

For the last year our son in law, Marçal, has gone 2 or 3 times a week to hold services and make evangelistic visits in



Marçal showing path for new road

Bujaru. Recently we heard that there was a drug gang that was looking for an opportunity to assault Marçal. Their plan was to attack him as he walked the isolated path which is the only entrance to our church property. Two months ago this same gang killed an older man just for refusing to give them paper to roll their marijuana joints. Jose, our church caretaker, who used to be friends with this group, heard of their plan and warned Marçal. Jose then took Marçal to meet the gang members in a safe area in the jungle. As Jose and Marçal approached, none of them could look Marçal in the eye. Jose presented Marçal as a friend and Marçal then shared the love of Jesus with them. Their hearts were touched and they asked Marçal to pray for them that they would have courage to give up their lives of drugs and violence.

Road to Church Property. Ever since we bought the church property in Bujaru, we have been asking the Lord for an entrance road to our land. The path that leads to the church is impassable by car in the rainy season as well as being isolated and dangerous for church members to travel at night. However, the only possibility for an access road was right through the middle of a neighbor's property who did not want to sell. But once again, God has made a **"way in the wilderness!"** God worked a miracle in this neighbor's heart, and now he is willing to sell us a strip of land, 15 feet wide and 750 feet long for \$2200 that will take us right into our church property. Not only will this land give us road access to our church, but will enable us to put up power lines to bring electricity to the church as well.

New Missionaries. God has blessed us tremendously by sending two top quality helpers to hold up our hands in the ministry here in Brazil. **Jeremy and Patricia Smith**, from Baytown, Texas, have come to serve with us for the next 10 weeks. Besides working in repairs and maintenance for the mission, they will be helping us to train deacons in the churches here in Castanhal and Bujaru. They have left 5 precious small children with family and friends in Texas – so their sacrifice is of immeasurable value to us and to the Lord!



Jeremy and Patricia crossing Guama River by barge

Team Coming. God is faithfully raising up another team from Fields of Harvest, Texas, to take the work in Bujaru one step further! Their purpose is to build the road and install the electric lines to the church. If God has put it on your heart to help with the work here but you cannot come with a team, now would be the time to help with the purchase of land for the road. The price is \$2200. *Every time we sow, God brings a harvest.* A road and electricity for this key church on the Guama River will pave the **"way in the wilderness"** for building many more churches and reaching many more families along this river!

Love,

Scott and Michelle Toth and family

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"May your unfailing love rest upon us as we put our hope in you" Ps. 33:22