

# Update June/July 2014

## Summer Youth Camp in Bujaru



Youth waiting for the boat at Guama River



Wednesday night camp meeting



Jungle kitchen

Fifty-five young people gathered at our Bujaru Church Camp on the river edge for 4 days this week. Adolescents, teenagers and young couples came from our churches in Castanhal and Bujaru, and from the nearby village of Conceição. The city people and the river people were one family as we worshipped, learned and fellowshipped together.



Fellowship after evening service

The camp theme was "The Battle for Holiness". In a generation where there are unending distractions to take us away from the Kingdom of God, it was encouraging to see so many youth determined that they would be set apart for God. God is raising up an army of young people that are willing to consecrate their lives in order to be used by the Lord to reach those who do not yet know Jesus.



Ready for lights out

### Outreach in Conceição

Gabriel and Vanessa, are one of the young couples from our Castanhal Church who have committed their lives to go out to those who have not yet heard the gospel. They have started a weekly home meeting in the community of Conceição, 35 minutes by boat down river from Bujaru. Two weeks ago we were able to go with them and visited 8 homes. Everywhere we went, the people were so open to the gospel. They are begging us to keep coming and to build a

Bailing to keep afloat

permanent church in Conceição.
They would like to come to our church in Bujaru, but the only canoe these families have is the one on the left that holds a maximum of 6 adults.



Making visits in Conceição

## Boat for Evangelism Almost Ready

In order to make visits in the village, Benedito who is from Conceição, picked us up in his small motorized canoe, (left). Coming back, we had 6 people aboard and the canoe rode a bare 2 inches above the water. Because of the water splashing in over the edge, Gabriel had to bail water out all the way back to Bujaru.

This is the same canoe that Benedito uses each week to

bring as many people as he can to church in Bujaru. Two weeks ago, as he was bringing his wife and two children, his in laws and 2 other young men to church, the water became rough. The men on board all had to jump into the water to save the canoe from capsizing with the women and children.

The good news is that our first Hope Ministries boat (right) is almost ready to use! When it is completed, we will be able to use it for making visits to communities along the Guama River and for bringing more people to the Bujaru Church.



Boat ready for motor and paint

#### For those of you who would like to help complete our first boat for Hope Ministries...

We are believing God to help us put the boat in the water this next month. There are families to reach in Conceição. There are river children to bring to our Vacation Bible School in Bujaru that starts August 12. There are teams ready to go out and do medical work and reach new communities along the Guama River.

Painting the boat will cost \$1200. Purchasing and installing the boat motor will cost another \$4500. If you would like to be a part of completing this project there is still time for you to be involved. We rejoice in participating with God to reach the Amazon people who have not yet heard His message!

Love,

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