

“I assure you that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.” John 16:23

Here is what God has given in answer to prayer!



Lucas and his father in Bujaru church after surgery

Lucas underwent brain surgery in August. He is the little boy from Bujaru that had an advanced brain tumor. The doctors told his family that he would probably not leave the hospital alive. But God heard the prayers of His people and has given us a miracle. Within one month Lucas was walking and talking again and has regained all his memory and thinking ability. Lucas comes to church as often as his family can bring him – **please continue to pray that God would use the miracle of his healing to reach his whole family and many others in Bujaru with the good news of the gospel!**

God has given us new caretakers in Bujaru. Benedito and Suellem were one of the first couples to be baptized when we started the church in Bujaru. In June of this year we gave them the responsibility of being caretakers for the church property. Besides being very diligent in the physical upkeep of the property, Benedito has a



Benedito and family at church property

deep devotion to the Lord’s work and a strong desire to win new people to the Lord. He and Suellem are the first in Bujaru to answer God’s call to be trained as local pastors and river missionaries. Benedito is beginning to lead worship and give Bible studies. He has also started a family group in a neighborhood near the church.



Benedito and Suellem and children

House for Bujaru Pastor – We have been asking God for a pastor and Bible teacher to live at the Bujaru church and help open a Bible school to train river pastors. This year God provided funds through your giving to build a house that is currently being used as a dormitory for church camps but will eventually be a home for a senior pastor living on the property in Bujaru. **The building was a great help in being able to house some of the 63 young people that came to camp!**



New pastor’s house in Bujaru



Vanessa gives a Bible to a teenage girl who lives on a river island near Conceição

For those of you who have donated money for Bibles...

Because of your gifts we are able to distribute Bibles to the river people who cannot afford to purchase a Bible of their own. When we make visits to new homes on the river we first give out used clothes and then Bibles to all who are able to read. For most this is the first Bible that they have ever owned. We share the plan of salvation and invite the family to a church meeting that we will be holding in their area. It is amazing to see how receptive the river people are when they sense that somebody really cares about them. Many invited us to come back and hold a church meeting in their home.



Island home near community of Conceição



Rachel and Evelyn at Bujaru Church

Some of you have asked about little Evelyn... Evelyn is the girl that we wrote about in our updates last October and November. She and her brothers and little sister have been back at her father's house near the Bujaru church for the last 6 months. Because of the help with food baskets that Hope Ministries has been providing, their father Lico has stopped trying to give the children away. However he spends his days at work and the children are alone with no supervision and no one to make sure that they go to school. Please pray for this family and that we would have wisdom to be able to help them in a more permanent way. Our daughter Rachel is continuing with plans to open a home for children at risk in Bujaru.

Visit to orphanage in Southern Brazil - God opened the doors for 6 of our family to make a trip to the Adonai Orphanage in Nepomuceno where 39 years ago, Scott spent 2 years as a counselor to a room of 6 boys. We were able to be there for the **50 year anniversary celebration** of the orphanage and hear the testimony of many men, now in their forties and fifties, whose lives were given hope and purpose through the orphanage ministry. It was especially encouraging to see that the boys who Scott cared for those 2-3 years are now walking with the Lord and have stable jobs, beautiful ministries and blessed families.



Toth Family with current children at orphanage

Thank you, each one of you who continue to give to reach the river people and children in Brazil with the love of Jesus through Hope Ministries! Pray that God would empower us to go with new strength and greater resources to reach those who have not yet heard the message of salvation!

Much 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