

Two New Church Plants

The last week of January God blessed with the opening of our **3rd Hope Ministries church in Brazil!** The church is located in Açú, a small town of about 1200 people on the Mocajuba River, near the mouth of the Amazon. For now the church is meeting in the home of one of the church members on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Every weekend there is at least one person

who gives their life to the Lord! Many of these are young people who have opened up for the first time about their wounded lives, tragically broken through abuse and immorality. These young people desperately need to know the Lord's forgiveness and healing to be freed from their past destructive lifestyles.



Scott preaches at first Açú church meeting

Conceição is now our 4th Hope Ministries Church. The first service was held on February 3. Here we are also meeting in the home of one of the church members until we are able to build a church in this community. The living room of the host family measured only 12 ft. by 9 ft. so they opened up the front of their house and added on another 6 feet to make the living room 12 ft. by 15 ft. (new living room pictured below). They could not make the room any bigger without running into the river in front of their home.



Pr. Bert from New York ministers at 2nd church service in Conceição



Scott with Açú church members in front of home being used for church meetings



Family from Conceição adds 6 feet to front of their living room to hold church services for the community.

The first meeting we had 23 people that came, the second one there were 54. Please pray with us for the families and young people in Conceição. The people are very, very poor and most of them drop out of school at 3rd or 4th grade to work in manioc subsistence farming. The biggest difficulties that these young people face are drug trafficking and again, immorality. Many are abused sexually as small children. This takes away any sense of self worth and destroys all moral standards. They need the healing that only Jesus can bring!

Church Camp in Bujaru



Camp meeting in Bujaru

Thank you so much each of you who continue to invest in Hope Ministries here in Brazil! It is because of your gifts for our family and the ministry here that we are able to start these new churches. It is your gifts for the medical boat for boat fuel, medicines and equipment that enable us to hold the clinics and show the river people that God loves and cares for them.

For those of you who want to give specifically towards a river church, our next two projects will be

buildings for the congregations meeting in Açú and Conceição. In Açú, one of the church members has already donated a large piece of land for a ministry/training center. We will be building a brick church on this property that will be part of this ministry center. Step one in Açú will be to clear the land and put in the church foundation. (estimated cost - \$3,500.) In Conceição we will be building a wooden church with a dock for medical boat clinics and a well for the community. (Dock - \$2,500, church building materials - \$8,500, labor - \$3,500, well - \$1,000) The living rooms where these church people are meeting are already more than full. Any amount that you give towards helping with these church constructions will be a tremendous blessing and encouragement to these new believers and will open the way to bring many more people to a new life in Jesus.

“He who sows generously that blessings may come to others will also reap generously and be blessed.”

11 Corinthians 9:6 AMP

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.” Psalm 33:22



Campers gather for picture at end of camp