

Toth Family – Brazil

Fields of Harvest Church

2014 was a year of reaching children!



Bujaru River Children whose lives have been changed through Hope Ministries

Amanda, (top left and in the picture to the right) was one of the children whose life dramatically changed through the ministry of a team of 24 parents and children from **Fields of Harvest Church in Texas**. Amanda lives with her parents next to the garbage dump in Bujaru. She used to come alone to church and completely disrupted every service that she came to. She was physically abusive to the other children, even those bigger than her. She refused to go home after the services, kicking and screaming at the adults who would try to take her home. But after the loving ministry of the Vacation Bible School team and prayer to receive Jesus, Amanda is a different girl. She is respectful, sits quietly and listens in the services and is bringing her parents to church. Her mother, Rosilene, was baptized in our Bujaru church in November.



Amanda with Lynette Holman from Texas team

The children pictured above are just a few of the 120 children who were reached by the VBS team with the good news of Jesus love!

Along with ministering in Bujaru, the team from Texas also brought funds to finish our Sunday School rooms in the Castanhal church and held another Vacation Bible School there. It was a beautiful outreach for our church neighborhood and there are new families coming to the Castanhal church whose children were reached by the things they were taught about Jesus.



3 youngest team members from Texas



Christy and daughter, Isabel Villalta, do crafts with Bujaru children



Adam Socolof from Texas helping the Castanhal children



Vanessa and Christina teach VBS Bible story in Castanhal



Besides the Vacation Bible School this summer and children's church each Saturday, our daughter Rachel has also been holding a music school every Saturday afternoon in Bujaru. The children are learning music theory and having lessons in playing the recorder. The students had their first recital the week after Christmas with special prizes for the best presentations.



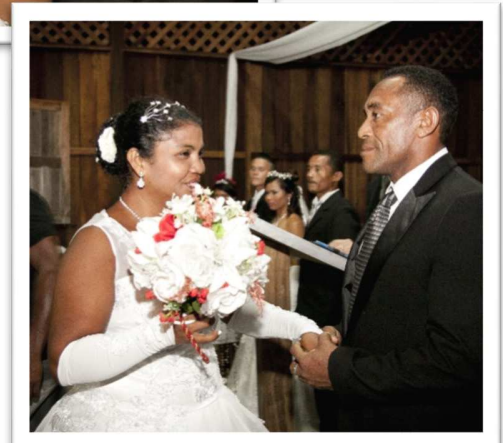
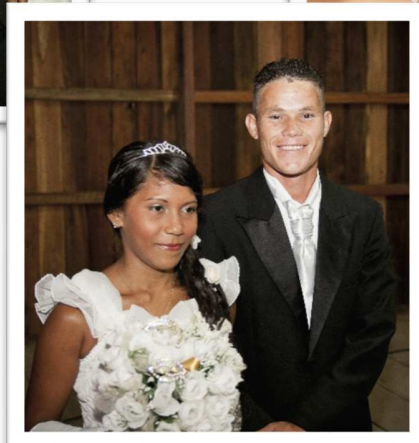
Rachel gives a prize to Jamile at the recital



João Paulo plays the recorder at the recital

The second most important gift that the children in Bujaru received this year (after the good news of Jesus' love) was the example of what a **REAL FAMILY** is!

In a community where there was not **one** married couple, 4 of the couples in Bujaru that have made decisions to follow Christ, were married on April 12. Each couple has children, ages varying between 8 months and 16 years old. The example of a marriage commitment between their parents sets a powerful and life changing precedent for the next generation!



2014 was a year of building up the youth!

We were blessed this year with 2 youth camps, one in February and one in July. The camps were held at our river church in Bujaru with time for worship, teaching and river fun. The year ended with a commitment by the young people to live **Radical for Jesus!** Our church is 75% youth – a tremendous blessing in a world where the young people have so many temptations to pull them away from following the Lord!



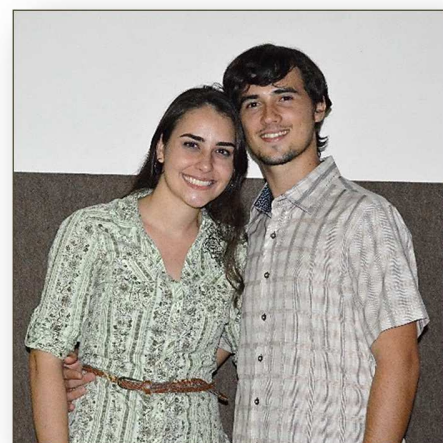
2014 was year of God raising up leaders!

God has given us four very special couples who have a long term commitment to help as leaders in Hope Ministries.



Marçal and Rebekah (left) were ordained as pastors with Hope Ministries in 2008. Marçal is working as an assistant pastor to Scott in the Castanhal church and is pastoring the river church in Bujaru. He is working to raise up a local pastor in the Bujaru Church so that he can go on to open churches in other new communities.

Deborah (right) has been our right hand in many areas of the work since the beginning of Hope Ministries. She continues with her studies in nursing for her future work on the medical boat. She also is overseeing our children's ministries and helps lead the worship team. Her husband



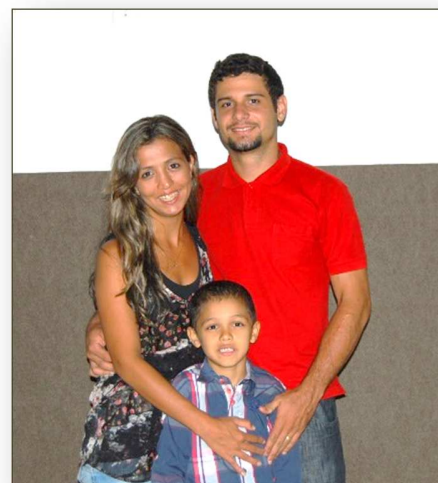
Denis (right) is working full time in the office taking care of the accounting for the churches and the mission. He is continuing on with his college course in computer programming. Denis also leads the youth worship team.



Rany and Thamara (left) are a young couple that have been part of our church since 2009. Rany is graduating this year in engineering and Thamara is in her 4th year of Law School. They have been doing an excellent job leading the youth group for over 2 years now and have a call to pastoring as well as continuing in their secular jobs.



Gabriel and Vanessa (right) work full time in ministry. They are continuing training as river missionaries, working along side Marçal in Bujaru and in the community of Conceição. When they are not on the river, Gabriel works in maintenance in the church and mission house and Vanessa works in the church office. They also help with home groups and prison ministry.



Besides these 4 couples we were privileged to have **Rachel** (left) with us all year as part of our leadership team. Rachel is working with children at risk in Bujaru and also is working in the office, guest house and helping on the worship team.

2014 was a year of harvest!



Baptism - Valdir

Valdir was one of the first people we met when we started building our church in Bujaru. He was one of our nearest neighbors. People warned us that he was a thief, not to be trusted, and that he would steal the wood for the church building. We have been sharing the love of Jesus with Valdir and his family for 2 ½ years now and in November of 2014, he was baptized into a new life in Jesus. His family is starting to come to church with him and instead of stealing he is working and faithfully bringing his offerings to church.



Baptism - Raimundo

Raimundo (right), has a beautiful testimony of a changed life. He first came to church in the end of 2012. He would stand in the back or just outside the church, looking in a window. Raimundo had a terrible problem with drugs which made him violent and abusive to his girlfriend. But he had a desire to serve God and told Marçal, "Someday, I will serve God in this church."



Raimundo – a new man!

In February of this year, after constant fighting with his girlfriend and threatening to kill her and her family, his girlfriend's family planned to kill Raimundo before he killed one of them. One night, they waited up with machetes until 4 AM for him to come home. But God intervened. Raimundo stayed away that night and two months later gave his life to the Lord. He still struggled with drugs for the next five months but has been drug free since September. Raimundo was baptized in November. He believes that God is calling him to pastor some day and is coming to our church worker training meetings. Raimundo plans to marry his girlfriend and mother of his 2 children as soon as he has the money for the marriage certificate.

2014 was a year of answered prayer!

Because of your prayers and giving...

- **Jeremy and Patricia Smith** and family are coming!
- **Sunday school rooms** in Castanhal Church are completed and in use!
- **Mission boat** for evangelism is **almost** ready for use! *(We still need to install electric wiring, lights, bathroom, diesel tank and purchase life jackets.)*
- **Ministry car** purchased, greatly facilitating the work here in Castanhal and Bujaru!
- **Children** in Bujaru are receiving food, clothes and medicine.
- **Churches** in Castanhal and Bujaru growing and reaching new people for Jesus!



Continue praying

Pray for the Toth Family

Scott and Michelle – ministry directors, pastoring Castanhal Church, training pastors and missionaries

Rachel – starting children’s home project in Bujaru

Marçal and Rebekah, sons Jonathan and Benjamin—pastoring the Bujaru church, planting river churches, supervising church and camp construction in Bujaru

Bethany- preparing to move to Israel

Higor and Christina and son Christian – continuing with medical and nursing school

Denis and Deborah – Denis - accounting for church and ministry, studying computer programming, worship team
Deborah – children’s ministry, worship team, studying nursing for medical boat ministry

Philip – Studying college preparation course, helping with worship team and youth

Havilah – 9th grade, helping on worship team, youth group, and family groups

Pray for Fields of Harvest Church Castanhal

To be an instrument of revival in Castanhal
To reach 1000s of unsaved and backslidden in Castanhal
To train and send out pastors and missionaries to the unreached river communities

Pray for Fields of Harvest River Church in Bujaru

Salvation and deliverance for the river people from drugs, alcohol, voodoo, violence and immorality
God’s direction for a local pastor for the church

Pray for Gabriel and Vanessa

Financial support as river missionaries
Church planting in Conceição

Pray for Jeremy and Patricia Smith and Family

Planning to move to Brazil this spring. Pray for family adjustment to a new country and for monthly support.

Pray for the Medical Boat

That God would touch people’s hearts to donate for the boat and that he would give wisdom in purchasing the right boat to reach the river people

2015 will be a year of continual growth as we together Expect God!

Here are some opportunities for you to give and be a part of what God is doing here in Brazil.

- **Finishing the ministry boat** – electric and lighting installation, bathroom, life jackets
- Bujaru Church Property – building **dormitory** for church camps and training river pastors – **Teams are welcome!**
- Ministry project and construction of group home for **at risk children** in Bujaru
- Building River Church # 2 – next church plant – village of **Conceição** – Guama River
- Monthly support for Brazilian missionaries – **Gabriel and Vanessa**
- Monthly support for missionaries **Jeremy and Patricia Smith** (new missionary family from Texas)
- **Medical Boat Fund** – We continue to raise funds for a 50 ft. medical boat with 2 treatment rooms for much needed medical work and church planting on Amazon River tributaries.
- **Toth Family Support** – Thank you for your monthly support that makes it possible for our family to serve here in Brazil!

Thank you so much for your prayers for our family and for Hope Ministries. May God bless you richly as you invest with us in a harvest for our soon coming Lord and King!

Love,

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