

2700 years ago, the scriptures were written... **“The people who walk in darkness will see a great LIGHT. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a LIGHT will shine. (Isaiah 9:2)**

This week we made a trip up the Guama and Capim Rivers in our small mission boat to look for communities where Jesus has not yet been preached. Our purpose is to penetrate the darkness with the good news of **Jesus, the Light of the World.**



The second biggest need that we found in all the communities is for health care, both medical and dental. Many of the people have to travel for many hours by boat to reach the nearest clinic or hospital. This encourages us in our goal of providing a medical boat to help with opening doors to share the gospel.



As we travelled the 65 miles upriver, we discovered that the area is highly populated with hundreds of small homes on the river banks that the government has divided into 3 mile long communities. We passed nearly 40 communities and would often go on for many miles without seeing any church at all. When we stopped to ask, the people would tell us that there was no Christian church in their area.





Boat Travel. This was our first long trip in the small mission boat that many of you have donated towards. We travelled for 18 hours on the river, 130 miles round trip and the motor ran perfectly all the way! Four members of our family, a friend from our Castanhal church and Benedito, the care taker from the Bujaru church, went on the trip. Hammock hooks were installed in the boat for sleeping and tarps on the windows for the Amazon downpours.

Of the eight visits that we made to different homes along the way, six of them had no Christian church nearby. We had many opportunities to share the message of salvation, show the love of Jesus, and distribute booklets of the Gospel of John at each place.



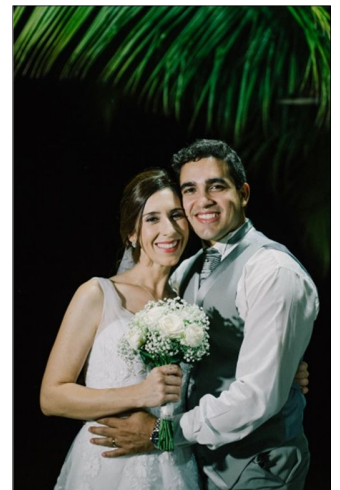
Wedding Day. While we could write about so many more victories in Christ and prayers that have been answered in the ministry these last months, by far the greatest blessing in our family was the marriage of our daughter Rachel to Marcos Cardoso. They were married in a beautiful afternoon ceremony here in Castanhal on November 23. Bethany came from Israel and Marcos's sister Lucilene came from the U.S.A. for the special celebration. God has a wonderful plan for both of them to serve Him together. We are so happy for them!

Christmas... As we think of how God gave to us the greatest gift of all, we purpose to give back to Him our lives, our family, our hopes, our dreams, and everything we have. **Please join with us in giving and praying so that many others can receive His great gift of eternal life in Jesus!**

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Love,

Scott and Michelle Toth and family



Rachel and Marcos

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“May your unfailing love rest upon us as we put our hope in you” Psalms 33:22