

## Toth Family – Brazil

### 2015 –God Answers Prayer!

*“When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.  
Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.  
Then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”  
The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.” Psalms 126:1-2*

**We are purchasing a boat for our medical ministry!** After 6 years of praying, planning, searching, raising funds and waiting, God has answered our prayers in leading us to the right boat. In November we visited a city in the Belem area that we had not been to before and there we found this beautiful boat for sale. It is a wooden boat, 60 feet long and 17 feet wide with 2 decks. It was previously used as a passenger boat to cross the 15 mile wide bay to the Marijo Island (a bay that opens to the ocean) so it is a boat that is seaworthy and stable in even very rough water.

This medical boat will be our main tool for planting churches on the rivers, carrying teams of church workers as well as health personnel. The timing is definitely of God. The church in Castanhal has matured to the point where we now have many young couples and youth interested in being trained as workers for church planting on the rivers. In the health area, our daughter Christina is graduating this year in nursing. Her husband Higor has only 2 more years of medical school and our daughter Deborah also has only 2 years to finish nursing school. The 3 of them are already working together on a project with the Brazilian government so that the boat can be supplied with medicines and the proper referral papers for patients to receive ongoing prescriptions, treatments, exams and more extensive medical care at the government hospitals. Ministering to the physical needs of the river people will open doors to share the gospel and start churches in areas that are distant from clinics, hospitals and a true Christian witness.



Boat being purchased for medical ministry



The purchase price of the boat is \$60,000 and the cost to adapt the boat for medical use is an additional \$15,000. God has blessed us with donors who have covered the \$60,000 purchase price. Now we are raising the funds for remodeling. We need to add a medical room, a dental room and 2 bathrooms on the lower deck. We have already started to raise the roof on the top deck from 5'8" to 6'5" to accommodate taller team members.



Carpenter works on medical boat



Michelle and Deborah measure for medical and dental rooms



Raising roof of top deck

## River Ministry Growing!

At the same time as God opened the doors for the purchase of the medical boat, our small mission boat was completed and ready to use on long trips. We were able to make a trip 65 miles up the Guama and Capim Rivers to see firsthand what the needs are for churches and health assistance for the river people. We found out that the rivers are very heavily populated with no facilities for health care and many areas with no Christian church. **There are so many people to reach with the love of Jesus!**



Travel by River Boat



River Home



Community on Capim River



# Church Baptisms, Camps, VBS and Outreach

The church was blessed this year with 3 baptisms, 2 youth camps, and 2 Vacation Bible Schools. We were able to use the ministry boat to make trips to the village of Conceição near Bujaru, giving out clothes and Bibles and visiting with the people to invite them to church.



VBS –Bujaru Church



Youth Camp travel



VBS with Isabel and Maddie from Texas



VBS - Castanhal



Baptism

Castanhal Church gathers at lake for baptism





## Special Family Times

**November 21 was the big day for Rachel and Marcos.** The late afternoon wedding was absolutely beautiful – we are so thankful to have Marcos in our family!



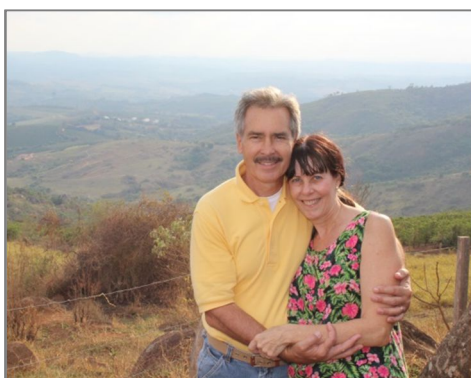
Christian and Jonathan



Wedding Reception



Rachel and Marcos



Scott and Michelle in Nepomuceno

September 6 was the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nepomuceno Orphanage** where Scott worked in Southern Brazil before we were married. We were able to take 4 days to attend the celebration and get to see the places and meet the people who Scott worked with years ago.

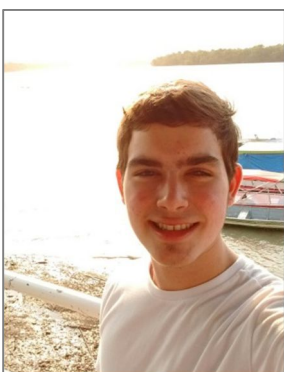
Michelle was blessed with a **trip to Israel** to be with her parents, Vic and Elsie Schlatter who were ministering in conferences there. She was also able to meet up with a group from

**Papua New Guinea** that were visiting in Israel. Michelle spent 14 years in Papua New Guinea as a child and later as a missionary nurse.

The crowning blessing of the year was to hear that our son **Philip** passed the exam qualifying him for a full tuition **scholarship for medical school at the Federal University in Belem**. This was an unexpected opportunity and we are thrilled with the doors that the Lord is opening for him.



Michelle with parents and Papua New Guinea friends



Philip

## Visitors to Brazil

**Jeremy and Patricia Smith** and their 5 children spent 3 months with us helping in the guest house and maintenance. Thank you, Fields of Harvest Church, for sending them and supporting them to be with us for that time! Other visitors from Fields of Harvest were **Lynette Holman and Kristi, Isabel and Maddie Villalta** who came to help with VBS and to just be a blessing to Michelle! **Vic and Elsie Schlatter**, Michelle's parents, also spent 2 priceless weeks with us, getting to know their grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Lynette with Isabel and Maddie



# Pray with us

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in your troubles, and continue steadfastly in prayer.” Romans 12:28

## **Pray for the Toth Family**

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

**Marcos and Rachel** – Marcos - helping with legal work for the churches, Rachel – working with children in Bujaru in music, preparing children’s home project - both Rachel and Marcos helping with the worship team

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

**Bethany** – living and working in Israel

**Higor and Christina, son Christian** – Higor has 2 more years of med school, Christina graduates this year in nursing - both plan to help with the medical boat ministry

**Denis and Deborah** – Denis - accounting for church and ministry, studying computer programming, Deborah – children’s ministry, studying nursing to work on the medical boat - both Denis and Deborah helping with the worship team

**Philip** – Enrolled in nursing school until he starts studying medicine in October, helping with youth group and worship

**Havilah** – 10<sup>th</sup> grade, helping with youth group, family group and children’s ministry

**Pray for the Fields of Harvest Church in Castanhal** – for revival, to reach the lost in Castanhal and to train and send out pastors and missionaries to the unreached river communities, for Gabriel and Vanessa who are being trained as missionaries

**Pray for the Fields of Harvest Church in Bujaru** – for salvation and deliverance from drugs, immorality and demonic influences from their past, that the new believers would be strong, that local pastors and missionaries would be trained, that God would open the doors for the next church plant in Conceição

**Pray for the Medical Boat** – that God would touch people’s hearts to donate the remaining funds for adding medical and dental rooms and equipping them for use



# Give As God Enables You

***“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.” 2 Cor. 9:10***

## **In 2015 your giving provided for:**

- Repairing the roof and walls of the Castanhal Church where there was water leakage
- Finishing the Sunday School rooms of the Castanhal Church
- Building a pastor’s house in Bujaru
- Adding 51 truckloads of gravel to the “Holy Highway” (Bujaru Church road) so that it is dry in the rainy season
- Finishing the ministry boat – electric, lighting, bathroom, lifejackets, motor
- Funds to complete the purchase cost of the medical boat
- Monthly support for Toth Family

## **Giving Opportunities for 2016:**

- Funds to add medical/dental rooms, 2 bathrooms and raise roof of the medical boat - \$15,000
- Equipment for medical and dental rooms for the medical boat - \$10,000
- Dock for medical boat
- Boat house for ministry boat
- Music room for children’s music project in Bujaru
- Dormitory for church camps
- Support for Brazilian Missionaries
- Toth Family Support

Thank you so so much for your prayers and your gifts that have provided for this ministry and have blessed so many people here in Brazil! This coming year will bring new opportunities as we expand the river work with both the smaller ministry boat and the new medical boat. Please join with us as you able in giving. If God leads you to bring a team, there are work projects available. **May God continue to give a great and eternal harvest for all the seeds that you have sown!**

Love,  
*Scott, Michelle and Family*

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