



“The islands and coastal regions shall wait expectantly for His teaching.” Isaiah 42:4



Bené, Julia and family

**New families in church!** Bené and Julia are a couple with 2 children that live in the village of Itabira – about 20 minutes boat travel from Bujaru. They are a family that first came to church in Bujaru for a VBS program last summer. Julia’s father died when she was young and she was raised in extreme poverty with 9 other siblings. We visited Bené and Julia again this February when the youth made visits along the river and since then, they have been coming regularly to the Bujaru church and also to a home meeting in Conceição. They are just one of the new families that our mission boat, *Esperança*, picks up and brings to church each week!

**Food and clothing distribution.** March 29, we used our mission boat to distribute 41 food baskets and 12 large sacks of clothing to the people in the villages of Bujaru, Itabira and Conceição. These are villages where we are sharing the love of Jesus and many are hearing the gospel message for the first time!



River families from Itabira receive gifts of food and clothing



Mission Boat *Esperança* delivers food and clothing



River families come by mission boat to church service in Bujaru



Left to right – Gabriel, naval instructor, Benedito, Marçal and Maciel

### Medical boat crew.

One of the requirements for using the medical boat that we are purchasing is that we have a licensed crew of River Able Seamen to navigate the boat. God provided an opening for 4 of our workers to take a one week course with the Brazilian Navy to receive their boat licenses. Gabriel, our river missionary, came in first place out of 48 men who took the exam at the end of the course!



River missionary Gabriel with wife Vanessa and children



Bujaru church caretaker, Benedito, sees the medical boat for the first time!



Top floor of the medical boat with benches and new front wall

**Work is progressing on the medical boat!** The top floor of the medical boat is now completed except for installing the new windows at the front of the boat. Benches were added along the sides of the boat. The front and back walls were rebuilt when the roof was raised. On the first floor, the medical and dental rooms are almost finished but there is still work to be done on the bathrooms and kitchen. We are right now in the process of legalizing all the documents to transfer the boat to Hope Ministries.

**Thank you so so much for your gifts that have provided for the work that has been done so far!** We are very encouraged to see that God is bringing together every detail for the purchase of this boat that will be such a valuable tool for evangelism here on the rivers. Please continue to contribute as you are able towards completing the boat and bringing it to Bujaru. Your gifts will help us reach many more families that are still waiting expectantly to hear the Word of God that will change their lives for eternity.

*“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Cor. 9:8*

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*