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"I will praise you, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done!" Psalms 9:1

Tuesday, September 6, our beautiful medical boat, Esperança II, was ready to travel! A team of 18 from Fields of Harvest Church in Texas joined with 25 others of our family and church people here in Brazil to make the 2 day trip to bring the boat home to our river church in Bujaru. You can imagine the excitement – years of praying, the joy of each gift given for the boat, the dreams of reaching new people with the gospel – all had come together and now the boat was finally ready!

The trip to Bujaru took 2 days. The boat traveled wonderfully through the rough waters of the Bay of Pará. We spent



Waiting for the medical boat to arrive in Bujaru

the night on a smaller river near the city of Belem and the next day continued on the Guama River towards Bujaru where we were welcomed by a large gathering of our church members from both Castanhal and Bujaru. That night we had a packed out celebration service in our Bujaru church with many visitors from along the river coming to see what the new boat was all about!

The next day we held clinics for 2 different river communities near Bujaru. Our team of a doctor, medical students, a nurse and nursing students did a beautiful job of attending 45 patients. Besides the patients receiving medicines and health teaching, each one also received a Gospel of John and ministry in prayer.



Health team of doctor, nurse and students ready for work



Deborah and Philip attending patients at river clinic



Team from Texas and Toth family at Mamão Church on Moju River with Pr. Luis and Cila

As we travelled up the Moju River to the furthest church we had planted in Jutaiteua, we saw that the population along the river has increased tremendously in the last 8 years. There are hundreds of homes with no church nearby. Once again, we saw an open harvest field, waiting for workers to reach these people with the love of Jesus!

The following week we traveled **up the Moju River for 16 hours!** It was our first time back
on the Moju River in 8 long years! We
stopped at some of the churches we had
planted along the river years ago. It was a
wonderful time of fellowship, visiting with our
brothers and sisters that we had not seen for
many years. They received us with open arms
– what a time of rejoicing!



Medical boat, Esperança II, on upper Moju River

Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving to the Lord and to each of you who have helped with the purchase of the medical boat! The quality and stability of the boat, the space for teams and medical work, the efficiency of the motor - are all so much more than we ever thought possible for the amount of money we had! Without the boat it would be impossible to reach these people isolated by the river. God truly gave us more than we dreamed of!

Our future expenses regarding the boat are for boat fuel, medicines and for medical and dental equipment. We now have the boat as well as health and ministry workers available and ready to work. We will keep you updated on the costs of equipping the medical and dental rooms. For now our prayer is that you would join with us in sending out teams for health clinics and church planting through donations for boat fuel and medicines. God has multiplied the resources that you invested. The door is wide open. The people are waiting to hear. God is bringing a great harvest!

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us..." 1 John 3:16

Love,

Scott and Michelle Toth and family

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