

## Medical Boat - First Trip to Capim River



**Two years ago**, a team of 6 set out from our Bujaru Church in our smaller mission boat, and travelled up the Guama and Capim Rivers to assess the need for churches and medical help for the people there. We spent two days on the river and discovered an unending need for both health care and the message of the gospel. At each stop, we promised the river people we would be back with a medical boat to serve them some day. Last week, we fulfilled that promise!

**This time**, a team of 17 (pictured above) returned in our new medical boat to Livramento (meaning "Deliverance") and 2 other communities where the people begged us to do clinics in their areas. We went back to Alegre Vamos (which means "Happily Going") where there is a small 4 room school that serves all the communities in the area. The school is in need of books and maintenance that we could help with and would be an ideal location for future clinics.

We continued on to Santa Maria, where the entire community are descendants from slaves that worked at the sugar factories over one hundred years ago. In Santa Maria we gave out used clothes and Bibles. We only had 10 full Bibles and 30 Gospels of John with us which

were all gone in 2 minutes. In each community we visited, we shared the love of Jesus and assured the people that we would be back with more Bibles, medicines and health workers.

It is impossible to express the joy we felt after 7 years of praying and planning plus 2 years of purchasing, remodeling and registering the boat and then to go back and see the excitement of the people as they said, "You didn't forget about us!"



Arriving at Alegre Vamos with the school in the background



86 year old matriarch from Santa Maria receives used clothes given out by our team. Her name is "America."

## First Baptism at Açu Church

October 28 was baptism day for 11 believers at our new church plant in Açu. Antonio (right) gave a beautiful testimony of how Jesus changed his life. He had spent many years involved in alcohol, drugs, trafficking and immorality. After his brother was killed in drug violence, Antonio desperately wanted a change in his life. He came to our church in Açu and surrendered to the Savior. God gave him a new start and complete freedom from addictions and his old life. He and his wife want to serve in the church in worship and working with the youth.



Scott (left) and son-in-law, Marçal (right) baptizing Antônio



Christina and Higor at clinic in Bujaru

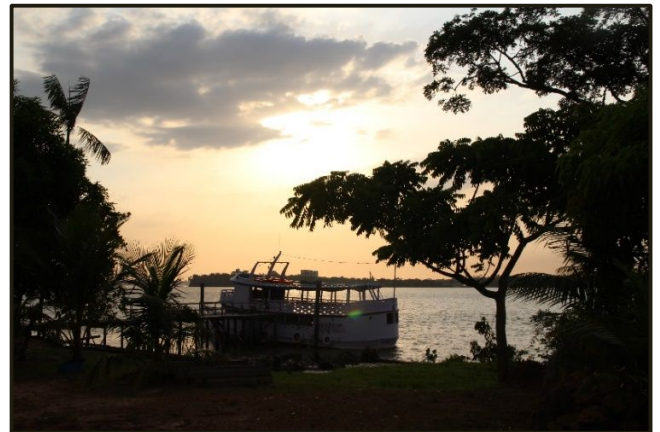
## Clinics in Bujaru

Our son-in-law, Higor (5<sup>th</sup> year med school) and our daughter Christina (RN) have continued to hold clinics in Bujaru along with our daughter Deborah (RN), seeing an average of 50 patients each month. Our daughter, Bethany, has also returned from Israel to help with the medical work. Besides treating the patients in Bujaru, they were able to arrange free surgeries for a young woman and two children that had urgent medical needs. They were also able to help a woman from Santa Maria with a possible leprosy lesion to make an appointment for a biopsy that she has been needing for five years.

We have seen God's faithfulness to our son-in-law Higor to help him with med school expenses for one more year. Both Christina and Deborah have now graduated in nursing – Christina the end of last year and Deborah the end of this year. And with Bethany coming home, our whole family is now serving the Lord together in the ministry here.

## Thank You!

This has been a year of many challenges but also of tremendous answered prayer. Through your giving, God has provided for licensing the medical boat including fulfilling extra safety measures the government required. Your gifts each month have covered expenses for each medical clinic. Your gifts have also made it possible for Rachel and Marcos to move forward with their project for safe home for children in the Bujaru area and they are now looking for land for the home. Thank you so much for your ongoing support that makes this whole ministry possible!



Medical boat docked in Bujaru

We are reminded of what Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give." At this time of year, we celebrate **Jesus**, Who has come to earth to give us life, purpose, and eternal salvation.

**The joy of Christmas is the joy of giving His message of life and freedom to those who are still waiting to hear!  
May you have a very blessed Christmas!**

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*