

New Believers Baptized



Alcione is baptized

In the beginning of the year **Alcione** was diagnosed with cancer and started chemotherapy. Our church members in Açu heard of her situation and shared the Lord with her. Alcione gave her life to Jesus. As Alcione stood in the water at her baptism she shared that she is so happy to know that, regardless of the outcome of her cancer, she already has eternal life with the Lord. However during her baptism she felt God touching and healing her body. She finished her chemotherapy with none of the side effects she had previously. Alcione believes she is completely healed. Her 14 year old son **Manoel** was also baptized with her.



Alcione and son Manoel

Rafael and Claudiane are two more of the 9 new believers baptized that day in Açu. Rafael was raised without a father and at 14 turned to drugs, theft and gangs. He



Aunt Lene (left) with Rafael and wife Claudiane

was in and out of prison 3 times. Many times he was almost beaten to death. Angry, bitter and very violent with no place to go, his Aunt Lene, our missionary in Açu, invited him to live with her. Initially he was even angry at her loud praying and interceding for him during the night but after one month he surrendered his life to Jesus. He is completely free from drugs and his old life and has now married his girlfriend, Claudiane, who also gave her life to Jesus. They are a beautiful testimony of God's grace and forgiveness.

Two other young people baptized were **Denilson**, 14, and **Livia**, 16. They are a brother and sister from our new church plant at **Pio XII** (pronounced Pio Doze). Their parents are being trained as leaders for the Pio XII church. Denilson and Livia participated in our summer camps in Bujaru and it was there that God gave them a desire to follow Him. We want to plant many more new churches to reach and win this younger generation for the Lord!



Scott and Michelle with Denilson and Livia (middle) and their parents.

Ministry Trips on the Capim River



Michelle and Bethany visit with villagers from Alegre Vamos

The picture (left) is a farinha “factory” in the jungle at the edge of the Capim River. It is at Alegre Vamos where we painted the school. This community is very strategic to reaching the whole upper Capim River. The people here are so eager to hear the Gospel that they have now offered us 3 different pieces of land to choose from to build our first church. **If you would like to be a part of building this first church on the Capim river we would welcome a team next year to take on this project!**

Scott’s brother, **Alex**, and a team from **Living Streams Church**, Phoenix, AZ came last month to help with building an erosion barrier in front of our Bujaru church property. This barrier was needed to protect our church building from ocean tide erosion. They also provided for boat fuel and medicines for a 3 day trip with us on our medical boat to Alegre Vamos.



Friends from Livramento bring gift of bananas to Scott’s brother, Alex



Upper river area still to be reached.

In our last update we shared the need for funds to repair our smaller Bujaru river boat that we use for evangelism and bringing people to church in Bujaru. Thank you for your donations that will cover all the work for repairing the boat! It should be in the water again by the New Year. Besides the clinics on the Capim River, we have been able to hold monthly clinics at our church in Bujaru. Each month we see the people’s hearts softening towards the gospel and the testimony of Jesus’ love spreading further along the river.

“In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of men.” John 1:4

Jesus came to earth over 2000 years ago. This is the time we celebrate and rejoice in His coming and in all He came to give. Yet there are still places on this earth where people do not know Him and His wonderful saving power.

Thank you for praying and giving until His Light reaches every last corner of this world!

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