

### Alegre Vamos



Medical Boat docked at Alegre Vamos School

**Alegre Vamos** is a community that God first put on our hearts in June of 2017 when we took our small riverboat up the Capim River looking for places that God would have us reach out to with clinics and evangelism. On that trip we were drawn to an area where we saw a small run down schoolhouse that we were told served a population of five communities (about 3000 people.) When we returned in November of that year with our new medical boat, we saw that the people's hearts were open and hungry for the Lord. During this year of 2018 we made 6 trips back to this community. On most of the trips we held medical clinics. We also gave out Bibles and used clothes and shared the gospel, making friends and praying for individuals. We were able to hold two evangelistic services at the Alegre Vamos School. There were many people who prayed to receive Christ as their Savior during these meetings and it is our great desire to plant a church in this community to take care of these new believers and win many more.



Little girl from Alegre Vamos community



**Alegre Vamos School in need of paint and repair**



**Team from Castanhal Church ready to paint school**



**Castanhal youth making friends with Alegre Vamos children**



**Painting the school**



**Marçal paints name on school**



**Castanhal youth hold Vacation Bible School at Alegre Vamos**

God put it on our hearts to bless the community of Alegre Vamos by painting and repairing their four-room community school. In April, 2018, we took a team of youth from our Castanhal Church and plastered, sanded and painted the school including the name on the front of the building. The people in the community were so inspired by our help that they themselves repaired the roof which was falling down and finished the fourth classroom. They also brought in power lines so that now the school has electricity for the first time. Touched by the fact that someone cared, the community offered us land right next to the school to build a church. We are praying that we can build a church in Alegre Vamos this year. Please pray with us for a couple to pastor the new church plant who can also raise up other local pastors for this region on the Capim River.



**Castanhal team finishes painting school at Alegre Vamos**

## Work Teams and Visitors

In 2018 we were blessed by many work teams and visitors. The first to arrive in January were **Walter and Kristi Vilata** from Texas, followed by **Willie Ritzman** from Canada and **Annette Simon** from Ohio. They all came in January to see the ministry on the rivers and visit our church in Castanhal.



Willie Ritzman checks out Medical Boat



Walter and Kristi travel by riverboat on Capim River



Nurse practitioner Kelly with children - Capim River



Below- Ben prepares patient for treatment – Alegre Vamos

In March, **Ontario Christian Fellowship** from Ohio sent a team of 11 people to hold medical clinics. This team took care of over 300 patients on the river, ministering to spiritual as well as physical needs of the people. Scott's brother, **Juarez** and his wife, **Jane** came during the summer with their children and nephew. It was a privilege to have our nephews, **Rick and Nicole Toth** here for their first time!



Medical Boat at Vila Cruz - Moju River

In August, we had an awesome team of 24 from **Fields of Harvest Church** in Texas that traveled with us by medical boat up to the headwaters of the Moju River, holding clinics and praying over various communities where we plan to build churches someday.



Pr. Leo and Angela from Texas



Making friends on the Moju River

**Uncle Bill Galat** (right) brought a lot of joy to our family at the end of August, coming with his grandson Jonathan to see our work in Brazil for the first time.



The last team of the year, from **Living Streams Christian Church** in Arizona, was led by Scott's brother **Alex** and niece **Arica**. They came in October, traveling up the Capim River to help with a clinic in Alegre Vamos. The team also raised the funds for building an erosion barrier to protect our church property in Bujaru. Everyone that came contributed to and advanced God's work here in Brazil in a powerful way and we are so thankful for the legacy each one left behind.

Left- Building erosion barrier at Bujaru Church

## Special Family News

In June of 2018, Michelle was able to go to Australia to visit her parents, **Vic and Elsie Schlatter**. Vic and Elsie have spent their lives translating the Bible and raising up over 120 churches in Papua New Guinea. In the last 30 years they have also worked tirelessly to support the nation of Israel through South Pacific Island Ministries. We are just thrilled that they have felt God's confirmation to move here and join our family in Brazil. Michelle and Deborah will be going to Australia in May, 2019, to help them with the move. We are currently working on an apartment for them at our mission house.



Right – Vic and Elsie Schlatter

# Family and Ministry



Bethany with nephew Christian



Medical team – Higor, Deborah and Philip



Rachel and son, David



Christina and Bethany at work



Deborah (2nd from left) and Havilah (2nd from right) with friends on a medical boat trip



Deborah at clinic in Bujaru



Scott preaches at baptism in Castanhal



Marçal and Philip baptize a new believer



Four grandsons



Marcos and Rachel and David



Rebekah takes her boys swimming in the Guama River with Uncle Bill and his grandson Jonathan



# Pray with us

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving make your requests known unto God.”  
Phil. 4:6

**Pray for safety, provision, health and strength for the whole Toth family.**

**Scott and Michelle**, pastors and directors of Hope Ministries.

**Marcos and Rachel, son David** working full time for Hope Ministries in administration and with children at risk.

**Marçal and Rebekah, sons Jonathan and Benjamin** working full time for Hope Ministries as pastors and church planters on the river.

**Bethany** working and studying in the medical field in Belem, volunteering in clinics, medical boat ministry and social work on the rivers.

**Higor and Christina, son Christian** working in the medical field in Belem, volunteering in clinics and medical boat ministry on the rivers.

**Deborah** working full time for Hope Ministries in medical boat ministry, health clinics and local church ministry with children.

**Philip** studying nursing, working in local church ministry with youth, worship and evangelism.

**Havilah** starting college, working part time at Hope Ministries in accounting, secretarial work and children’s ministries.

**Pray for the Castanhal Church**, our main city church for growth, maturity and to win many in our city for Jesus. Pray for God to raise up missionaries and pastors to send out on the rivers.

**Pray for our River Churches of Bujaru, Açú and Pio12.** Pray that demonic strongholds of immorality, drugs, violence and poverty in these towns and communities would be broken. Pray that God’s kingdom would advance and transform these areas to be lights and testimonies for other new outreaches.

**Pray for the Medical Boat Ministry** for funding for medical trips including medicines, boat fuel and crew expenses. Pray with us for protection as we travel. Pray for this ministry to be used to plant new river churches in the areas we are traveling on the Guama, Capim and Moju Rivers.

**Pray for property and beginning of construction for home for children at risk in Bujaru.**

**Pray for a church to be planted this year at Alegre Vamos!**

# The harvest is great!

Guama River in front of Bujaru

***"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations..."***

***Matthew 24:14***

## **Your gifts in 2018 provided for:**

- Funds for life boats, radio, lighting and other safety features to legalize medical boat
- Funds for maintenance of small riverboat, replacing wood and caulking
- Funds to build an erosion barrier in Bujaru to protect church land and buildings
- Funding for monthly health clinics in Bujaru and mission trips on Guama, Capim and Moju River
- Monthly support for Toth family
- Monthly support for Brazilian missionaries in communities of Bujaru, Açu and Pio12
- Bibles for evangelism and teaching new believers

## **Opportunities for giving in 2019:**

- First river church on Capim River at Alegre Vamos.
- Continuing construction on the church in the river community of Açu
- Medical trips on Guama, Capim and Moju River (boat fuel, medicine, boat crew) - \$800/month
- Equipment for medical and dental rooms for the medical boat
- Support for Brazilian missionaries in Bujaru and Açu
- Support for Toth family

**Thank you so much** for your gifts that are bringing a tremendous harvest for the Kingdom of God. Thank you for working with us to fulfill Jesus' great commission to take His love and saving power to the ends of the world.

Love,  
*Scott, Michelle and Family*

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