

Outreach in São Lopes

Our first mission trip this year was to the river community of São Lopes on the Guama River. Twice our medical boat had stopped at this community in 2020 when returning from Capim River trips and both times the people we met at the river edge begged us to come back and hold a clinic and a church meeting. On January 20 we were finally able to take a team of our church youth to get to know the community. Besides visiting many homes along the river, we walked to the community center about two miles inland. We gave out Bibles and shared the gospel with the people we met. Everywhere we stopped there were people asking for prayer. Returning to the river edge at about 4 PM there were over 40 people waiting where our medical boat was docked hoping to see a nurse and receive medicine. Everyone who came received treatment and we gave out 20 food baskets and more Bibles. God has opened another door to reach one more community with His love and His salvation!



Sharing love and food basket with family in São Lopes



Deborah seeing 40 patients at dock on January 20 at São Lopes



Patients line up at dock at São Lopes for clinic on medical boat

Over the next two months, we were able to make 3 more trips to São Lopes, holding clinics and making more visits. On one of our trips we prayed for a boy who was bitten by a poisonous snake. The boy had received anti venom treatment at a hospital in the city but his leg was swollen and he could not walk. We also prayed for a man who was suffering from depression for 6 months after the death of a friend. When we returned on our next visit, the boy's leg was completely healed and the man said that he was set free when we prayed for him.



Praying for boy with poisonous snake bite

There are so many people here that need the Lord and the answers that only He can give!

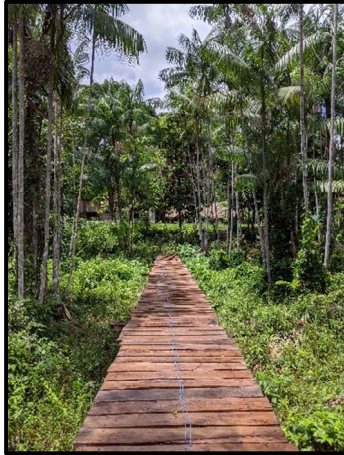
Center -girl at São Lopes receives Bible



Michelle making visits at São Lopez

Alegre Vamos

Besides the trips to São Lopes, we were able to make three trips to **Alegre Vamos** so far this year. Each trip was one more step forward in advancing God's Kingdom in this area of the Capim River. In February we were given the documents to a beautiful piece of land next to the Alegre Vamos school. It was three times the size originally promised by the community. We are now clearing the land and getting ready to start a church building as soon as the rainy season is over.



Medical boat dock that community built on new Alegre Vamos Church land



Dental and medical team return from clinic at Alegre Vamos



Medical Boat passes under bridge on the way to Alegre Vamos

On each trip God provided volunteer staff - a doctor, nurses, dentists and a physical therapist as well as nursing and dental students. Six dentists were able to go in April and in one day saw nearly 100 dental patients!



Marçal hugs young man who gave his life to the Lord at Alegre Vamos meeting



Michelle visiting lady at Alegre Vamos

Besides holding the clinics we were able to reserve one day on each of the trips to make evangelistic visits and hold a service at night. Over 50 young people are coming to the meetings. They crowd into the small school classroom that the community offers for the clinics and meetings. Those who don't fit inside, gather around the doors and windows to try to see and hear the message. Many ask for prayer after each service.

Isaiah 42:4 says, "the islands and coastal regions shall wait for His law." As we go out on the rivers, we see how true this verse is. The people are hopeful, waiting for someone who cares enough to come. Waiting for someone who can bring them the truth that will set them free. Jesus purchased their freedom 2000 years ago and they are still waiting. Now is the time for us to go and share this truth. Thank you so much for making it possible for us to go!

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

