

Toth Family – Brazil

“Declare His Glory among the nations,  
His marvelous works among all the peoples.”

Psalms 96:2

Baptisms



The purpose of Hope Ministries is to advance the Kingdom of God, by planting churches and bringing new life in Christ to people that have lived in darkness and without hope. This year we were blessed with baptisms for new believers in Bujaru, Conceição, Açú and Castanhhal. We now have the work of helping these new Christians grow in Christ, teaching them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded us.

## Clinics

This year we were able to start monthly clinics in Bujaru to attend the communities of Bujaru, Conceição, Itabira and other communities where we are planning to start churches. The people come by motorized canoes and our smaller river boat also picks up patients that have no canoe of their own to come in. We hold the clinics at the Bujaru Church where the medical boat is docked. Using both the church and the boat and we have room for nurses, doctors, physical therapists, dentists and social workers to each set up their area to attend patients.



Christina, Higor and Deborah – ready for patients



Bethany and volunteer nurse register patients



Dentist checks mother with 2 children



Higor doing physical exam



Christina examines 2 little girls



Philip, Christina, Deborah and our grandson Christian with health team

## River Trips



Medical Boat travel on Capim River



Medical Boat at São José on Capim River



Medical Boat makes visit at Livramento on Capim River

So far our medical boat has made 2 trips up the Guama and Capim Rivers. We have set up sites for future clinics in 5 communities. Each place we go, there are open doors to share the gospel. We have been able to give out Bibles, Gospels of John and used clothes. Each community we stop at, the people have readily opened their homes to have a church service.

## Church Plants



11 new believers baptized in Açú



Michelle and missionary Lene in front of home that Church members are constructing for Lene in Açú



Home meeting at Church plant in Conceição

We were able to start weekly church meetings in 2 new communities this year. In both Açú and Conceição, the churches are meeting in believer's homes and we are praying for funds to start the church buildings. In Itabira we are still praying for a church worker to start the meetings there. On the Moju River we continue to pray for open doors to start meetings and for land for a church building.

## Family News

**Marcos and Rachel** (right) are working together to start the ministry for children at risk. They are looking for land to purchase for a children's home in Bujaru and legalizing the project with the Brazilian government. They also co-teach weekly music classes to children in Bujaru. Marcos works full time in the church office in accounting and administration. Besides the church work they do, Rachel is busy with **David** (14 months) and works part time writing curriculums for a local high school.



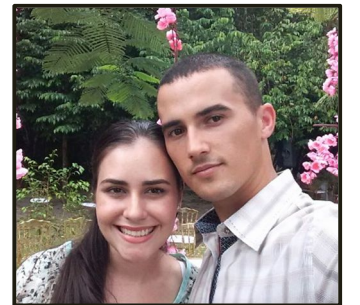
**Marçal and Rebekah** (left) are helping as assistant pastors in the Castanhal Church. Marçal is also pastoring the Bujaru church and overseeing all construction and boat maintenance for our river churches. **Jonathan** (5) and **Benjamin** (3) keep their mom and dad busy too!

**Bethany** (right) has come home to Brazil to help us with work on the medical boat. She is responsible for purchasing and organizing medical supplies for clinics and coordinates doctor referrals and surgeries at city hospitals for the river patients. She is also working part time giving English classes. We are just thrilled to have her as part of



**Higor and Christina** (left) are working at our monthly medical clinics in Bujaru and on our medical boat during our river trips. Higor is now in his 6<sup>th</sup> year of medical school. Christina is a registered nurse and is working full time in a neurosurgery office. **Christian**, our oldest grandson (6), loves to come to Grandpa and Grandmas's

**Denis and Deborah** (right). Deborah also graduated this year as a registered nurse. She is supervising the medical Bujaru and on medical boat trips. She is in charge of the children's ministry in the Castanhal Church. Denis is in his second year of training as a firefighter which includes rescue operations and boat piloting – two areas that will be of great help on the medical boat!



**Philip** (left) continues to prepare his life for pastoral ministry. He is leading the church worship team and the youth group. He is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of nursing school and helps in clinics and with medical boat trips.

**Havilah** (right) is in her last year of high school and preparing for college entrance exams. She is working in the church office as well as helping in children's ministry and the youth group.

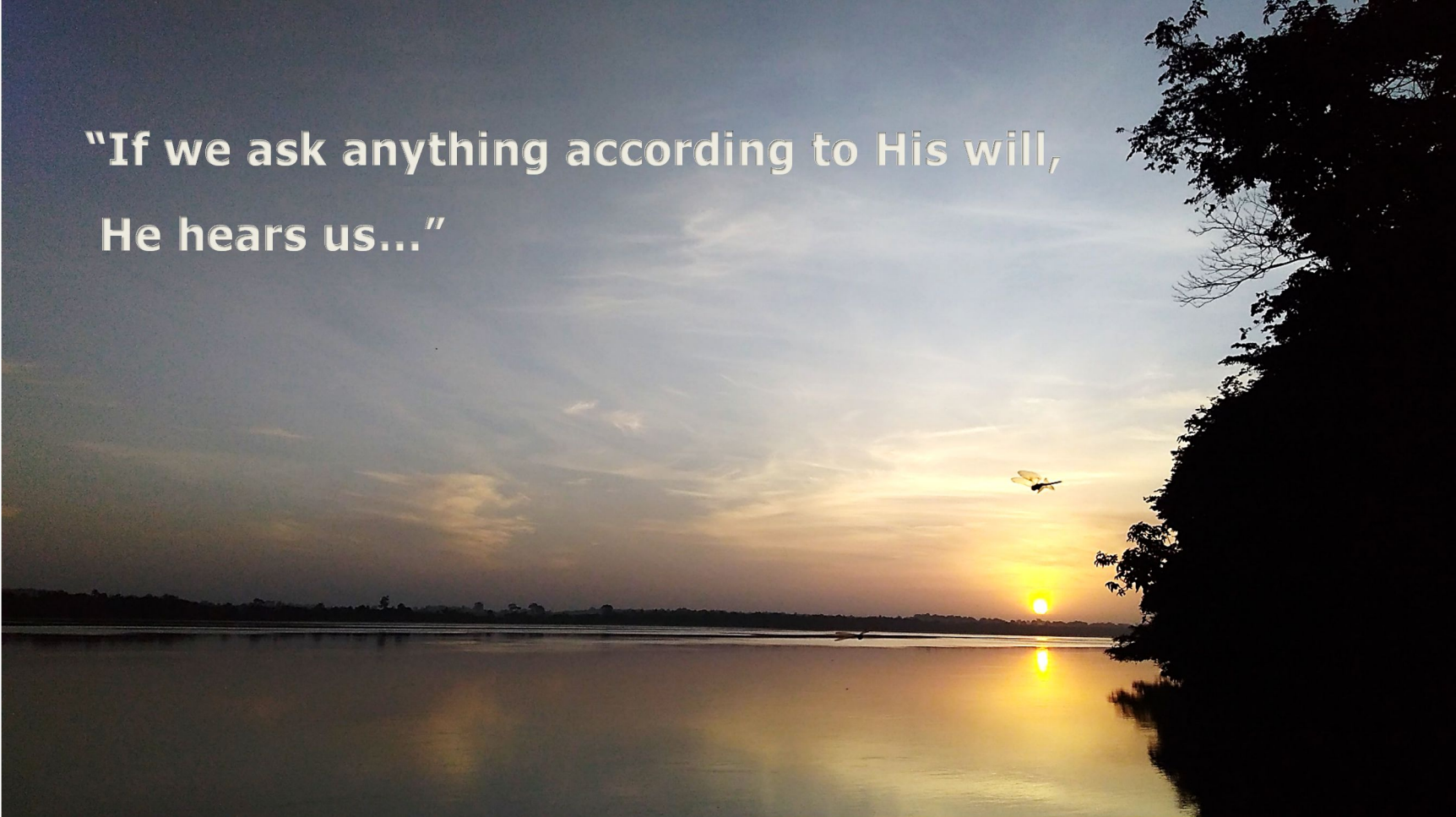


**Scott and Michelle** (left). We are so, so grateful for the beautiful family God has given us. While we continue on as senior pastors and advisors in the ministry, it is our children who are now growing in maturity to become the leaders God has called them to be. They carry God's heart for the people here in Brazil and they have the energy and perspective that the work needs for the coming generations.

**God is faithful!**



Four precious grandsons

A photograph of a sunset over a wide river. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. A dragonfly is captured in flight in the center of the image. The right side of the image shows the dark silhouette of trees and foliage.

“If we ask anything according to His will,  
He hears us...”

“And this is the confidence which we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him”. I John 5:14-15

### Prayer Requests

- **Toth family** – Provision, health & safety. For each one to fulfill the call of God on their lives, completing their schooling and using their gifts and talents for God’s work.
- **Castanhal Church** – 80% of our church is young people – teenagers, young single adults and young married couples. Pray that these young people would continue to grow in maturity, be strong leaders and that they would advance the kingdom of God in their city and in the river communities where God is giving us access.
- **Bujaru Church** – Continue to pray that the God would free this area from demonic strongholds of immorality, drugs, violence and poverty. Pray that our church members would be strong in their faith and that their families would be a testimony of God’s power to change the destructive culture of the past generations.
- **Açu Church** - Pray for missionary Lene who is heading up this church plant for wisdom and protection. There are 12 new believers who have come to the Lord this last year – pray that they would grow and form a team to help lead this new work.
- **Medical Boat Ministry** – Pray for funds to purchase the necessary medical and dental equipment for the boat. Pray for God to send an experienced boat pilot that would be available to travel with the boat on all river trips.
- **Ministry to Children at Risk** - God has provided funds to purchase property for our first safe house for children in Bujaru. Pray that we would be able to find property near our Bujaru church that meets the requirements of the government for this project.
- **Future church plants** – There are a number of river communities on the Guama, Capim and Moju Rivers that God has put on our hearts for future church plants. We have made contacts through medical boat trips, visiting families, holding services and treating patients. Pray for wisdom and direction from the Lord as to which of these communities should be our next church plants.



**"Where your treasure is...**

**There will your heart be also."**

***"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."***

***Matthew 6:21-22***

**Your gifts in 2017 provided for:**

- Funds to purchase land and to start foundation of home for children at risk in Bujaru
- Funding for health clinics in Bujaru and mission trips on Guama and Capim River
- Monthly support for Brazilian missionaries Gabriel and Vanessa and Benedito and family
- Monthly support for Toth Family
- Bibles for evangelism and teaching new believers

**Opportunities for giving in 2018:**

- River churches at Conceição, Itabira and Alegre Vamos.
- Brick churches in Açu and on Moju River
- Medical trips on Guama River (including boat fuel and medicine) - \$800/month
- Equipment for medical and dental rooms for the medical boat - \$15,000
- Support for Brazilian missionaries in Bujaru and Açu
- Support for Toth Family

Through your gifts lives are being changed. People that had no access to medical care are being reached. Young people trapped in a lifestyle of drugs and violence are being set free. Families are being transformed. God is bringing hope to river communities. Above all we rejoice in each one who receives eternal life and whose name is written in heaven!

**Thank you for making a difference for eternity!**

Love,

*Scott, Michelle and Family*

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