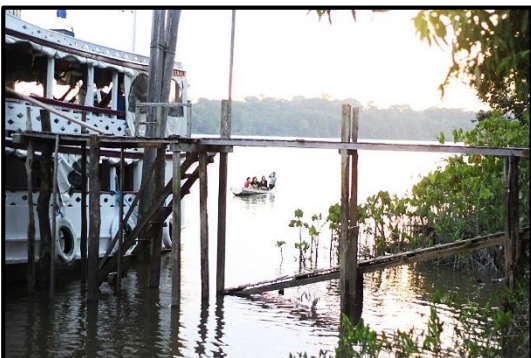


Restoring Moju River Church



-Building the Porch on Paritá Church

Two years ago we were blessed with a building for our first Hope Ministries church on the **Moju River** at **Paritá**. This November a team came from **Fields of Harvest Church in Texas** to help us restore the church building. We were able to build bathrooms on the back of the church, replace broken roof tiles, add a porch for future medical clinics and finish plastering walls that had been left unfinished for many years. We were so thankful that Pr. Dave Cochran could accompany the team and minister in two services at the Paritá Church.



Medical Boat docked at Paritá Church



Repairing Paritá Church walls

The team from Texas spent 9 days living on the medical boat. While they worked on the church construction, Deborah, along with other nursing staff held daily clinics for the people along the river. Two of the most serious patients were a lady whose legs were covered with 3rd degree burns and a 13 year old boy who needed stitches when a metal rod perforated his mouth.



Deborah treats baby at clinic

Beloved Brother and Friend is with the Lord



Esmeraldo, top left, picks up Castanhal team in river boat

Esmeraldo was the pastor in training and care taker for the Paritá Church since 2019. He and his wife Jane served faithfully to care for the church and grounds. He also would pick up our family and teams with our riverboat when we came from Castanhal to minister at Paritá.



Esmeraldo and wife Jane

Two months ago, when we visited Paritá, Esmeraldo was not well. He had gone 3 times to clinics and a hospital on the Moju River. Each time he was given medication for abdominal pain and sent home. The first week of October, Deborah was able to get him into a hospital near Castanhal but the government system would not accept him for the surgical treatment we thought he needed.



Esmeraldo (top) pilots canoe to pick up Scott, Michelle, Marçal, Rebekah and family when holding services at Paritá Church

On October 22, we were able to pay for a private surgeon but when the doctor did surgery he found cancer that was too advanced to be treated medically. We prayed and asked God for his healing but after 2 weeks, the Lord took Esmeraldo home.

Esmeraldo was 35 years old. He left behind his wife, Jane, age 29, and two small boys, 8 and 10 years old. He is greatly missed! Esmeraldo completed his time on this earth, but we are still here to continue declaring the good news of salvation through Jesus to his family and friends. Esmeraldo's life was a seed planted on the Moju River. His example of a sincere desire to win the lost will continue to influence his family and other young people along the river.

The Christmas message rings out again for all those who are willing to hear. Jesus came into the world to give His life for us. So that we can live forever with Him.

“He came into the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. But to as many as did receive Him, to them He gave the power to become the sons of God, that is, to those who believed on His name.”
John 1:10 & 12

Thank you so much for your part in sharing with us so that this generation here in Brazil will come to know Jesus and have the joy of spending eternity with Him!

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