

“I will give You for a light to the nations, that My salvation may extend to the end of the earth.” Isaiah 49:7



Mocajuba Community



Deborah treats patient on Moju River

Medical Boat Ministry reaches into new communities!

This ministry has grown so much over the last year. We are now holding clinics in 6 main locations from where we are reaching patients from 58 different communities on the river! There are 2800 patients registered with our clinics that are receiving ongoing care from doctors, nurses, dentists and physical therapists. They receive free medicines and many are helped with free medical exams and treatments.

As the medical boat ministry reaches out to the river people



Nurse technician Isabella with patient in Bujaru

with much needed health care, their hearts become open to listen to the gospel message. Many young people out on the rivers have the same difficulty as youth all over the world with anxiety and depression. This provides us with opportunities to pray with patients for God to work miracles of forgiveness and healing in their lives and families. When we return with follow up visits, it is so encouraging to see the change in the lives of those we have counseled and prayed for.

Four River Bases Established

Our home church of Castanhal (a city of 300,000) is in the center of the Amazon region of river tributaries that God has given us to reach out to. We now have four strategic river bases to the north, south, east and west.



Açu Church and River Base

Bujaru, a two hour drive to the **south**, is the first base we started. It is on the Guama River where we have a church, a dock for our medical boat, and are beginning our safe home for abused children.

An hour drive to the **north** is our base in **Açu**, surrounded by 45 small communities on ocean river inlets. Besides the church, we have a large children's ministry reaching into 3 of the neighboring communities.



Bujaru Base – Picture taken from the Medical Boat

Three hours drive to the **south west** is the Parita Church, our base on the Moju River. God has given us a committed group of leaders in Paritá who are reaching out to neighbors and nearby communities on the Moju.



Alegre Vamos Church and dock – Capim River

Our Alegre Vamos base on the Capim River is a three hour drive to the **south east**. There is a core congregation of 25 people that meet every time we hold a service there.



Paritá Church – Moju River

We now have access in every direction to the hundreds of communities along these rivers that have no local church yet. There are thousands of children and young people that need to hear that Jesus can save them from their destructive life of sin. God has set us up to reach this area of Brazil for His Kingdom!

Children's Ministries reaching New Families



Children's activities – clinic Alegre Vamos

Another effective outreach to the river communities besides the medical boat is through children's ministries. Each year we hold Vacation Bible Schools in each of our river bases.

During the clinics, while families are waiting to be treated, we have Bible stories, activities and a simple lunch for the children. On Christmas and the Brazilian Children's Day we have songs, games, food, gifts and Bible stories. As these children open their hearts to God's love for them, their lives are put on a new path of following Jesus and influencing their friends and family towards eternity with Him.



Ministering to children in Paritá



Left – Children's Day - Açu



Right – Children at clinic activity - Mocajuba

Special Travel Time



Missionary Conference Eastern Camp

Ministry trips to the US included time with Jim Schlatter and family in Portland, visits to the Portland and Edmonton Apostolic Christian Churches, to Fields of Harvest Church in Texas and to the ACCF Eastern Camp. Each time of fellowship was a great encouragement to us! An extra trip was made to take mom, Elsie, to Leo, Indiana for dad, Victor Schlatter's memorial service. So many special people and wonderful memories! In all- **God is Faithful!**



Schlatter Family at Dad's memorial service

Toth Family



Grandsons



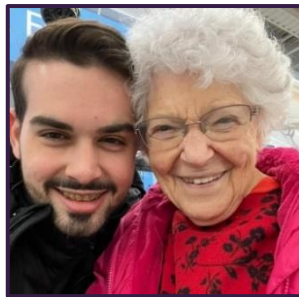
Higor, Christina, Christian and Bethany



Scott and Michelle



Bethany and Christian



Philip with Grandma Toth



Scott and Christian



Philip



Benjamin and Grandma



Philip with Deborah and Havilah



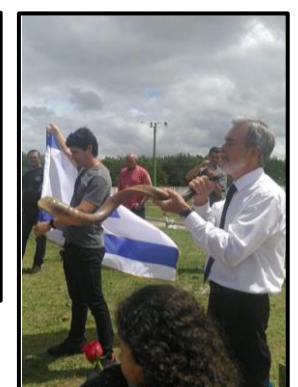
Marçal, Rebekah, Jonathan and Benjamin



Michelle and Deborah



Deborah and Bruno



Dad's Funeral



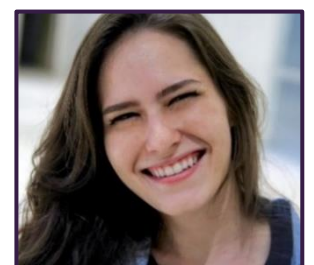
Grandma at the tennis court



David and Rachel



Philip ready for Hungry Generations



Havilah

Pray with us...

Guama River - Bujaru

“But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings...”

We enter into this New Year of 2023 with faith and great expectation for what God will do!

This last year there were many unexpected difficulties and heartaches but there were also great victories and tremendous blessings. Victor Schlatter, beloved father, inspiration of vision and great example of intimacy with the Heavenly Father went home to his Abba in July. Elsie continues to minister to us all through her faithful prayer, generosity, and still participates in sharing and teaching at conferences!

Ministry Prayer Requests:

- Strong leaders to pastor our river churches – men and women with courage and character.
- Provision to complete construction of three river churches and one pastor’s houses .
- Development of Bible School for training missionaries and river pastors.
- Unity among the leadership of the ministry and the established churches.
- Establishing of Vila Aviva safe home for children in Bujaru.

Family Prayer Requests:

As this new year starts, we have three of our children still helping here in Castanhal at Hope Ministries. **Marçal and Rebekah** and their sons, Jonathan and Benjamin continue to help us as associate pastors and church planters on the river. **Deborah** has been blessed to marry a wonderful man of God, **Bruno Souza**. She is now in med school and Bruno is helping her both in the medical boat ministry and with opening Vila Aviva, the safe home in Bujaru. He is also finishing his degree in law. **Philip** spent 3 months in the US doing leadership training with Hungry Generations and is now helping with youth, evangelism, and teaching ministries here. **Scott and Michelle** continue as pastors and directors of Hope Ministries.

Christina and her husband, **Higor**, and their son Christian are living in Salvador, Brazil, where Higor is starting his third year of ICU residency. **Bethany** is also living in Salvador near them. They are coming this year to help as volunteers on the medical boat with the medical team from Crossroads Church. **Rachel** is living in California with her son David. **Havilah** has moved to Recife, Brazil, for her last 2 years of law school. She is also working to get experience at a home for girls rescued from abuse and human trafficking. She is planning to lead our future safe home in Bujaru.

We are so thankful for the call of God and His hand on each of our children. We ask you to pray with us for His continued leading and direction for each one!

Opportunities for Giving....

Capim River

“ Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ.” II Cor. 2:14

Your gifts in 2022 have provided:

- Funds for monthly health clinics in Bujaru and medical mission trips on Guama, Capim and Moju River.
- Roof for Açu Church
- Foundation, walls and roof for Alegre Vamos Church
- New roof for Mission House
- Monthly support for Toth family and mission workers.
- Bibles for evangelism and teaching new believers.

Opportunities for giving in 2023:

- Funds to complete Açu and Alegre Vamos churches – floor, windows, electric and bathrooms.
- Construction of pastor’s house at Alegre Vamos, Capim River.
- Continued funding for medicines and medical boat trips on the Guama, Capim and Moju Rivers.
- Vila Aviva (new name for Evelyn’s House) – construction of safe home and vehicle for home.
- Support for Toth family

“When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.” Matt 9:36-38

God has blessed us so much this year through your gifts that have brought provision and growth for each area of the ministry here. Because of your sowing through giving and prayer we are seeing new people being reached each week. It is so encouraging to see our home church in Castanhal and the work on the rivers growing and to see God developing leaders that can take His work forward.

The above scripture verse expresses our heart’s cry. When we see the Lord’s compassion for the multitudes of Brazilians who have not yet experienced His love and forgiveness, it deeply motivates us to move forward in this final harvest to reach the unreached. We continue to say, “Yes Lord, I will go”, until the last community is reached.

Love,
Scott, Michelle and Family

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