

Baptism at Açu Church



Martinho baptized in Açu River

Two weeks ago ten new believers were baptized at our church in Açu. **Pedro**, 19 years old, had suffered from severe depression and attempted suicide before he gave his life to Jesus and was set free. When Pedro's mother, **Lucileia**, saw the change in her son's life, she also gave her life to the Lord and was baptized with her son. **Marinete**, was baptized along with 5 of her daughters ages 12-21. **Martinho** and his daughter, **Maria**, were also among those baptized.



Part of Açu Church congregation at baptism – Elsie Schlatter front left



Philip preaches at Baptism in Açu Church

Surrounding the Açu church are 42 communities. It is estimated that over 95% of the population is unchurched. Drug and alcohol addiction along with an immoral lifestyle is the culture of most of the young people in these communities. We believe this is the beginning of thousands that will be reached for Jesus through this church in Açu. What a beautiful thing to see lives transformed by the preaching of the gospel!

Training River Church Leaders



Bujaru leadership training – Monday night worship

This month we were able to hold conferences in the three of our four river bases and in our Castanhal city church. Pr. Epaminondas came from “Ministério Pescador de Homens” (Fisher of Men Ministries) in Manaus to teach in the conferences. He taught on the topics of finances, spiritual warfare, and being zealous in our work for the Kingdom. Couples were encouraged to pray daily the prayer of agreement in Matthew 18:19 for their families. The church was encouraged to pray regularly to break spiritual strongholds over their cities and communities so that there would be a desire and hunger of the lost to come to know Jesus.

For those of you who have been praying for Michelle...



Michelle and Scott – arriving home in April after 4 days in hospital

Michelle has recovered wonderfully from the stroke she had the beginning of April. Thank you so much for your prayers for her. She was able to go to the baptism in Açu as well as to participate in the city and river church conferences.

When we returned to the neurologist last week, he emphasized that it is a miracle that Michelle is well. He said that the affected area of the cerebellum was very large and close to the central fluid canal of the brain which is essential to all respiratory and cardiac functions. The doctor said that for some reason the obstruction to the artery broke free and the blood flow was restored which saved her life. There are absolutely no side effects. We know that it was God who touched and healed her and has given her life and health!



Leadership training in Paritá – Wednesday evening service

“And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

Our desire is to raise up a mighty army of believers at our home church and each of our river bases that would go out with power and authority to reach the surrounding communities with the gospel of Jesus. As the verse above says, it is a beautiful thing to send out those who will go to preach God’s good news of peace and deliverance to this very troubled generation. Everywhere we go, the young people open up about problems of depression, anxiety, and not being able to function in the world they live in. But freedom comes by the power of God’s Word for those who will follow Him!

Thank you for your gifts that have sent us out and enabled us to go. Thank you for your gifts that have supported us and supplied our needs here. Thank you for your gifts that are now helping us to raise up other leaders to reach out even further to new families and communities along the rivers.

Love,

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“May Your unfailing love rest upon us as we put our hope in You.” Psalm 33:22