

## Reaching the children of Brazil



Susana receives gift



Eating icream at Christmas Party

Christmas is a time where we celebrate JESUS – God’s gift to us! At each of our river bases we have special programs at Christmas to share with the children about God’s greatest gift. The message of Jesus coming to this world for us is followed with gifts for each child, games and special food.

We are planting seeds in the lives of these children that will bring them to an eternity with Jesus. Besides the programs at Christmas we reach out to the children with weekly literacy programs and Bible Clubs, with activities and Bible stories during clinics, with Vacation Bible School summer programs and on the Brazilian “Children’s Day” holiday in October.



Christmas Program - Bujaru



Children’s Day - Acu

## Clinics – Alegre Vamos, Bujaru and Mocajuba

Hundreds of patients came to be seen by nurses, doctors, dentists and physical therapists at clinics in Alegre Vamos, Bujaru and Mocajuba over the last 3 months. A team from Crossroads Church in Ohio joined us for the river trip to Alegre Vamos. Besides holding the clinic we were able to visit a neighboring community and then had a service in the evening. Pastor

Jesse from Ohio shared a salvation message and many young people came forward to receive prayer.



Medical Boat team – Alegre Vamos clinic



Steve and Sonya Spayde visit river community by canoe



Children’s ministry at Alegre Vamos clinic

## Evelyn’s House -Vila Aviva



In order to legalize the safe home the law requires us to change the name of the home from “Evelyn’s House” to another name that is not linked to a name of any child we have been caring for. The new name the Lord has given is “VILA AVIVA” which literally means “Coming Alive Home” (“Home That Brings Life”).

The nine children that we are working with in the community of Itabira are still living with their mentally deficient aunt. One of the 13 year old girls just had a baby. The judicial system here refuses to do anything to help the children until there is a safe home to move them into. So it is critical that we open up this home as soon as possible. Thank you for your gifts that will make this home a reality for these children!

Left - Missionary Lucas with children from Itabira family



Pr. Jesse with Bia (one of Itabira children we are helping)

# Alegre Vamos Church

This last month we were able to put the roof on our new Alegre Vamos Church! We are praying to be able to complete this building by next spring. It will be used for clinics as well as church services. Pray with us for a worker of God's choosing to send to Alegre Vamos to pastor the people God has given us there.

Each time our medical boat comes to this area we take a day to make visits to the homes along the river in the surrounding communities. Like other areas along the river the immediate need is for helping children at risk. The house right next to the church has 11 children. The 12 year old daughter is expecting a baby next week. God has brought us to this community to help this family as well as for many others where the children and women are being abused. Many younger and older people here have made a commitment to follow the Lord in the services that we hold. With a church and local pastor established in this community we will have the weekly Bible teaching and discipling necessary to bring about a permanent transformation in their lives and in their homes.



Valerie from Castanhal (left) makes friends with neighbors of our new church



Four neighbor children arrive by canoe



Side view of Alegre Vamos church with zinc roof installed



Alegre Vamos children



Michelle visits elderly lady in Alegre Vamos



Missionary Lucas with Alegre Vamos youth at evangelistic service

***“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”***  
***Isaiah 9:6***

This is the Christmas message. That 2000 years ago, God sent His only Son into the world. He came to pay the price and forgive us for our sins. He came to show us how to love. He came to teach us how to establish His Kingdom here on earth. He is the Mighty God who has the power to change and transform the darkest places. He is the Everlasting Father whose love these children need to know. He is the Prince of Peace who can bring comfort and hope in the most difficult situation. **Thank you so much** for joining with us to take His love to the children, the families, the youth and the elderly in this part of the world. He came for these that know they need Him. **He is the message of Hope to all the world!**

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*