

“Let the little children come unto Me!”

After months of our children’s ministries being shut down by the pandemic, we are so thankful to be able to start ministering to children again in our river churches!! Each year we use the Brazilian holiday of October 12 called “Children’s Day” to plan special times of sharing the love of Jesus with children who live in the poorer families along the rivers. While the more upper class families in the city celebrate the value of children through planning parties and giving their children gifts, the children from the poorer families never experience any expression of their value, and continue to suffer from neglect, sickness, and often physical and sexual abuse.

This year we were able to restart our ministry to the children in **Açu** where 120 children came from surrounding communities for the special day. Before the covid lockdown, we had weekly children’s meetings in Açu, but this was the first time a children’s meeting was held since March. There were games, a lunch served and the gospel shared. Many new parents came to the event with their children and also heard the good news of Jesus. We are now resuming our weekly meetings for the children in Açu each Saturday. All of our children’s meetings and church services are still held in the pastor’s house but we are hoping to finish the church building that is under construction within the next year. This church is important to reaching these children and their families. Thank you for your ongoing help with this church construction!



Families gather for Children’s Day activities in Açu



Church meeting at Ana Cleide and Jacir’s home

The other area where we were able to send a ministry team on Children’s Day was to our newest church plant in **Mocajuba**. Our medical boat made a visit to this community for the very first time. We were able to take food baskets to 20 families and do something special for the children with games, lunch and gifts. Ninety-three medical and dental patients were treated by our medical team that day.

The clinic and program for the children were a



Dentist and assistant treating Mocajuba children on Children’s Day

tremendous testimony to the Mocajuba community. We now have church meetings twice a week at Ana Cleide and Jacir’s home.

Remember Deborah’s testimony about Ana Cleide? (last update) She and her husband were the first ones in this community to give their lives to Jesus. They have donated land next to their home for a church building which we also hope to start constructing next year!

Home for Children at Risk

Many of you have asked about our children's home project, **Evelyn's House**. Rachel, our daughter, is working as director of this project. Over the past several years she has been researching government requirements for opening the



Yasmin is a lawyer from our Castanhal church that is helping Rachel with the children's home project. Yasmin is also the one that heads up all our children's ministry at the Açu Church. The two small girls above are from Açu.

home for children at risk in our area. Then last December Rachel's husband, Marcos, was hospitalized for a month with severe trigeminal neuralgia pain attacks. Many of you were praying and we are so grateful that God answered prayer! Marcos has been pain free for the past 10 months. He is now back at work at the church office and has resumed his normal activities. Even with this setback and then the Covid pandemic, God has

continued to open doors for Rachel to move forward with the children's home project. Currently, Rachel is meeting with a lawyer and social worker to register the legal documents necessary for Evelyn's House to operate. Although it is a very complex process, the Lord has given her excellent contacts to help in setting up the home and also people in our Castanhal church to partner with. Over the last three years we have looked at various options for land in Bujaru. There are many government restrictions regarding where the home can be located. Please pray with us for God's direction and provision for this land. So far we have received 1/3 of the funds needed for the purchase and legal documentation of the land.



Rachel and Marcos

“You are the confidence and hope of all the ends of the earth.” Psalms 65:5



Medical Boat docks at Mocajuba for Children's Day project.

While many places in the world continue to struggle with covid lockdown and fear of “returning to normal” we praise God that covid has almost died out in our area of Brazil. God has once again opened the doors for ministry in our Castanhal church and all along the river tributaries. Our churches are fuller than before the pandemic, the medical boat is going out again for clinics and dental treatment and now this weekend we are hosting a youth camp. We can only praise God for this window of opportunity to share His Word here and ask that each day would be one of growth for His Kingdom.

Please pray for the new churches to be built in Açu, Alegre Vamos and Mocajuba. Pray with us for the outreach on the Moju River and for the establishment of a river base at our Parita Church.

Thank you for sharing as you are able for the church constructions and the children's home project.

God is faithful.

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