

God is bringing revival on the rivers!



Deborah with Ana Cleide

Ana Cleide is a woman that Deborah first met when she was making visits with a small mission's team to the community of Mocajuba, half an hour by boat from our river church in Betel. The team had prayed that day that God would lead them to the people whose hearts He had prepared to receive the gospel message.

As Deborah and her team started down the village path along the river, they noticed two young women sitting under a tree, near a soccer field. Sensing the leading of the Holy Spirit, Deborah and the other girls approached them and began to make conversation. When one of the women realized that they were Christians, she started pouring out her heart to Deborah. She said that she had made a decision to follow the Lord years ago, but then married a man who was not a believer. Things grew worse. When her husband drank he would become abusive and beat her. There was no church to go to in their community. She was so miserable that she was planning to kill herself

that very day. Through tears, she told Deborah how she begged the Lord the night before to send someone to share Jesus with her if indeed there was still hope for her life. Deborah shared the gospel and prayed with Ana Cleide to receive Jesus. As they left a few hours later it was obvious by the joy radiating from Ana Cleide's face, that God had given her new hope. Deborah promised that they would come back.

Months passed but Deborah was still unable to go back to Mocajuba. One Saturday night traveling on the dirt road to our church in Betel, Deborah saw a motorcycle accident right in front her. The couple with the motorcycle fell off a wooden bridge into the water 8 feet below. When Deborah got out of the car to help, she saw that the man was very drunk, yelling at and beating the now injured and semi-conscious woman. Rushing over Deborah pulled her out of the creek and shielded her from the man's attack. The woman was unresponsive and convulsing. Fifteen minutes later, as an ambulance finally approached, she suddenly opened her eyes and said feebly, "I know you! You came to my house, but you never came back. You said you would come back." Then she passed out again. It was Ana Cleide from Mocajuba.

Ana Cleide miraculously recovered from the accident. Since then Deborah was able to return twice to her home in Mocajuba. Ana Cleide's husband was very repentant and begged our team to come back and share the gospel with his family and neighbors. Their two daughters also prayed to receive Jesus. Right in the beginning of the corona pandemic, the oldest daughter was hospitalized with pneumonia. As Deborah prayed for her over the phone, God touched the little girl's body. Not only did God heal her of pneumonia but also she got out of the hospital without contracting the coronavirus, which here in Brazil, is another great miracle!

Because of quarantine restrictions, we have not been able to make visits to Mocajuba since March. But Deborah has talked to Ana Cleide frequently on the phone and each time Ana Cleide begs for us to go back. She and her husband would like to donate land next to their home for us to build a church. Now that the restrictions are lifting in our area of Brazil, Deborah and a team from Castanhal will be going back out to the river this week for the first time in four months. One of the first families they will visit will be Ana Cleide's. Pray with us that this year God would provide funds for building a church at Mocajuba!



Hope Ministries team holds service in Ana Cleide's home in March
(Ana Cleide's husband in top left at back)

Youth Camp at Betel, also held right before the virus quarantine, was a time of revival among the youth both in Castanhal and along the rivers. Of the 80 young people that attended, over 30 were adolescents that came from Bujaru and other river communities. Much of the camp time was spent in evangelism as teams of youth prayed, prepared and then went out from the camp to share the gospel in the Bujaru town and surrounding communities. A wonderful testimony of God's faithfulness was seeing **Julia and Jamile**, our first Bujaru caretaker's daughters. (Jamile is the little girl that has been on our website front page for the last 8 years.) They had moved away from Bujaru over 6 years ago. Now, at the ages of 12 and 11, they both came to the camp and gave their lives to Christ. It is beautiful to see that the Word of God sown into their lives as small children in the first years we worked in Bujaru, is now bringing permanent fruit as they make decisions to follow Christ.



Julia and Jamile with Michelle at Youth Camp

Sharing Food Baskets with Those in Need.



Volunteer from the Castanhal Church gives out food baskets in Bujaru

Some of you have sent donations to help with the economic crisis among the poorest people here in Brazil. Many people have lost their jobs, both in the city and in the river communities. While the government has tried to give some extra help to those in need, there is still a great loss of income because of the economic shutdown. Your gifts have been an answer to prayer to these people. We have been able to distribute over 180 food baskets to needy families, especially those with small children, and 200 cloth masks, made by seamstresses from our Castanhal church. So far we have distributed these food baskets in Castanhal, Bujaru and Açú but as we resume trips with our medical boat next month, we still have plenty to distribute to needy families that come to the clinics along the Moju and Capim Rivers as well.

These last 4 months have been a time of tremendous uncertainty all over the world. There is fear, sickness, isolation and confusion on all sides. In spite of all this, at a time when many of you have been faced with unexpected needs in your own lives, you have continued to support our family and provide for the needs of others here. This means so much to us! **Thank you!**

As the quarantine lifts, God is calling us here at Hope Ministries to go back to the front lines, out to the rivers where the people are waiting for the answer that only Jesus can bring. His peace, His protection, His healing, His saving power. Please pray with us as we go. Pray that our family and church workers would be kept safe from the virus. **And above all, pray that there would be revival greater than we have ever seen before!**

“In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us!” Romans 8:37

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