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**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff thy comfort me.**



PSALMS 23:4

## Captain's Log

### STEPPING OFF THE BOAT!!!

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Ahoy all, from Stela and !!!

Getting the ministry back in gear along the river villages and communities has been a challenge to start because of the Brazilian Mutation of Covid.

Stela and I have been going home to home talking from Nova Vida along the bank-side to the villagers, listening to how scared they are of the covid!

We, of course, have prayed with them as we continue to slowly build back the ministry after being gone from Brazil on medical leave for 1 year and 3 months.

As stated in Matthew 4:16

And he saith unto them, **Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.**

We can see this by the passage above,

also in Psalms 23:4 having faith, true faith, unbreakable, undeniable faith, that God is shining light on you every minute of the day !!!

Seeing the huge smiles on the faces of the villagers as we first arrived, the comments they made about how they had been praying for Stela and me and how they prayed for our return, brought tears to my eyes. We enjoyed the tight hugs the children gave, the 19 year girl who said she started college because of us as tears ran down her face as she said she had been praying and was worried for me. The little now 5 year old Ester said she missed Stela and me so much and we would never answer her wooden phone while we were gone!

Sanabani and the Itau rivers. We are making plans now to set a schedule for the Bible studies for the two Rivers.

On the right we are transporting on the Nova Vida kids and adults to Bible class.



**Bible Class Aboard Luz Da Vida!!!**

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Taking that light of Jesus is removing the darkness!!

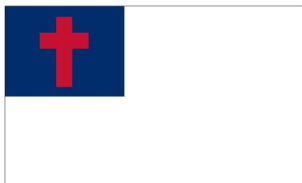


**Pastor Todd & Stela Moore**  
*Missionaries Brazil*

What started out slowly has now jumped into high gear !!!! The children are wanting Bible studies again. They missed it so much and the adults as well!

So this is just off the two rivers we have started working for now—the





## Nova Vida beyond expectations!!!

Nova Vida is our new launch boat. Most of you know that we took delivery in December 2019 just before my medical emergency forced us to return to the USA for treatment! Nova Vida has a 250hp 8cyl Mercury outboard motor that will easily carry 15 passengers without reducing performance and economy!! Nova Vida has a 200 liter ( 51 gal) fuel tank that took us on the maiden voyage from Manaus to Silves in 4.5 hours on a half tank. Nova Vida was built to handle the Amazon River and the storms. That is why she is fully enclosed with acrylic windows, a tough aluminum bottom, expandable foam in bottom and side walls, and the base of the seats are filled as well. She is equipped with a depth finder, GPS, Marine Radio, Personal locator Beacon (PLB) and is registered with NOAA, US COAST GUARD, BRAZIL MARINES.

The function of Nova Vida is to be used to reach further distances faster, reduce the amount of risk considerably to storms, chopping wakes, rolling wakes, and high winds that caught us many times before without warning. Where houses are far apart we can now transport villagers for Bible studies, Bible English studies and much more!

We thank everyone so much for the Prayers and Donations to be able to purchase this much needed asset to Take the Word Forward in the Amazon River Basin!!!!



**Stela and I having  
devotional time  
on The New ARM  
property  
ACAMPAMENTO  
LUZ DA VIDA !!!**

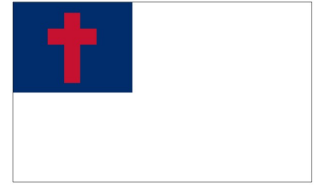


## Luz Da Vida getting a paint over!

Being in the USA for a long period of time left Luz Da Vida neglected for wooden hull maintenance. Her color has faded, seals have broken in the side walls, there are leaks in the roofing and a lot of paint cracking from lack of washing and touch up painting for the year!! The tarps were all torn to shreds from the storms, heat and rain.

We have bought gallons of Sherwin Williams paint and wood paste to start bringing back her beauty! We are receiving a lot of rain now so we are waiting for a good sunny day to start. We have a couple of guys we are going to hire to do the job.





## Purchase of Base Camp Property Acampamento Luz Da Vida

Amazon River Missions has purchased over 100 acres in Silves!!! This property ACAMPAMENTO LUZ DA VIDA (CAMP LIGHT OF LIFE) is going to serve as a land base for a future Missionary Home and Community Center! The Nova Vida will operate from this camp base so when the home is built the Luz Da Vida will be sold to help with building and improvements on the property!

ACAMPAMENTO LUZ DA VIDA has 300 meters of river front on the Sanabani

River, each side has about 500 meters of deep back water access, and the total length is 1,250 meters.

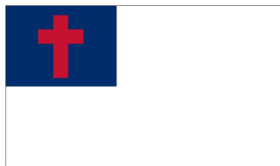
It was purchased in full at the price of \$8,000 including local and Federal Taxes.

This Camp is central to the area we are working and the land is not prone to flooding. It has many fruits already such as mangos, lemons, purple olives, and cashew trees.

We have hired some men to start clearing by hand with machetes, weed eater and chainsaw, the area for the home and an access for a barge to bring in materials for construction.

We have been praying to find a good contractor to build the home. So far we have not found any of any kind here around us or in Manaus. So we are praying that before the water levels go down we can get started or we will have to wait for next year! Our barge time for supplies is until August.





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### *Taking the Word Forward!*



A.R.M Ministry Team is teaching the word of God through various resources.

- In-Touch Messengers, which are a solar powered pre-programed Bible in Portuguese with a radio and flashlight, are provided without cost to villagers. Many of the villagers can't read or write and this is a proven useful tool.
- Stela teaches the illiterate of all ages to read and write including tutor programs for children and youth which are accredited by the University State of Amazon.
- We have Bible study groups and discipleship classes.
- Bible English classes which teach villagers English through verses of the Bible.
- Programs through Spiritual Based Teachings of the gift of Salvation by Jesus.
- Fellowship Events, Youth and Children's Camps
- Short Term Mission Teams

The A.R.M Ministry Team is living full time on a River Mission Boat (LUZ DA VIDA) spending quality time and spiritual effectiveness in very difficult-to-reach areas of the Amazon River Basin. These unreached people groups in villages and homesteads along the river banks can only be reached by boat.

We ask that you keep us in your prayers and partner with us to reach these unreached people by taking to them the Light Of Life, Peace, Mercy And Grace through the Word of God, Baptizing them in the Name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit as commanded by our Lord and Savior Jesus.

***Thank You so much!!!*** *Stela and I want give our appreciation and thanks for the Prayers, Love and Blessings given by our supporting Churches : Flowood Baptist Church-Flowood MS, Liberty Baptist Church-Stringer MS, Meadow Grove Baptist Church-Brandon MS, Berean SS Class Flowood, Ladies Club of Rockhill Baptist Church-Brandon MS, Braxton Men's Club Hwy 18 Braxton MS and various individuals who support us faithfully. We cannot thank you all enough. These lives are changing because all of you listen to the call of the Lord!!*



*A special embrace to our board members who work hard to keep Amazon River Missions floating: Sam Moore, Gale Martin, Karen Hall, Pastor Bobby McGuffie, Pastor Stanley Doggett, Richard Sparks, Chris Laney, Matt Lemly, Gary Noble.*



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