

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth:
unite my heart to fear thy name.



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Ministry Growing Rapidly!!!!

Ahoy all, from Stela and me!!

The Bible Class ministry is rapidly growing and has, as most of you know, out-grown the legal capacity of Luz Da Vida by more than double, which led to the building of the Chapeu de Palha .

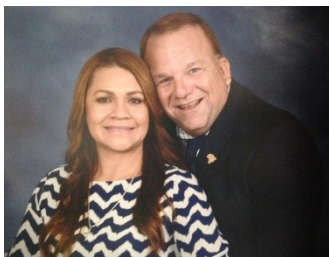
We bought more tables, chairs and have out grown that purchase now equaling 32 students in just one class.

We have not only out-grown the chair and table space but have out grown the Chapeu de Palha as well.

We are so excited seeing growth and the personal rewards each student receives from the Bible and the prayers and support you all provide to the ARM ministry!!!!



Photo above: Bible Class aboard LUZ DA VIDA before we moved to Chapeu de Palha

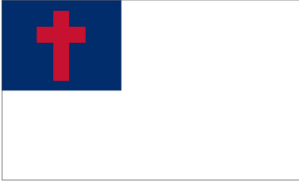


Pastor Todd & Stela Moore
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Photo to the left is when we moved the Bible Class to the Chapeu de Palha





Luz Da Vida Repairs

We have had a number of repairs to Luz Da Vida, our home base boat, ranging from holes in the wooden hull, our main generator which we replaced, a new radiator, a new fuel filter housing, a new injector, a new gasket for full motor overhaul and a new belt. The wooden hull is now our highest priority for maintenance.

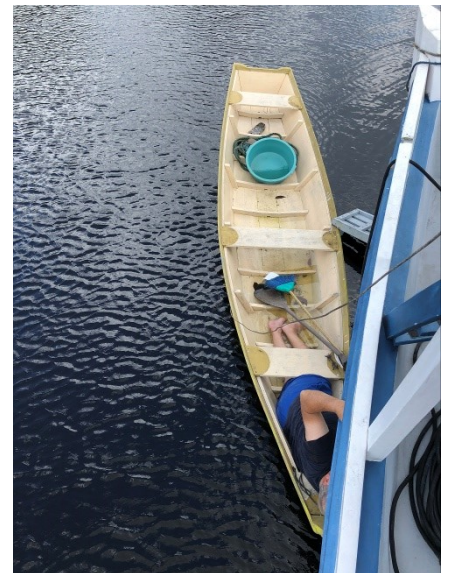
The hull has been temporarily repaired to stop the holes that range from pencil width to three fingers wide which kept us using the emergency gasoline pump to keep her afloat for 6 days. We waited for a 4000 gpm bilge pump to come in from Manaus to replace the bilge pump and automatic float switch that burn out during the high flow of river water entering the hull. This can easily sink LUZ DA VIDA without urgent response.

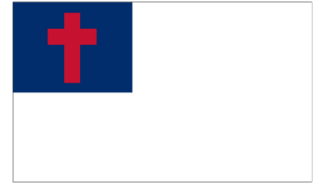
We are waiting for the dry dock to come open so that we can replace the planks that have damage or weak spots. This is an urgent priority for us to repair and will have to wait for dry dock to see how much the cost will be.

The generator has cranked but we are still having a water leak issue which we prayerfully want to resolve this week..

We are waiting to seal and paint Luz Da Vida until the hull repairs are completed so the movement from Dry dock will not crack and break the seal and or crack the paint.

**We now have
electricity on The
ARM property
ACAMPAMENTO
LUZ DA VIDA !!!**





Sinking of Nova Vida!!!

Stela and I went in to Silves to see a Doctor and docked Nova Vida at a normal location we stop where friends can look after our boat. After 15 minutes talking with the Doctor, our friend called us on a cell phone and said Nova Vida was sinking quickly come fast!!!

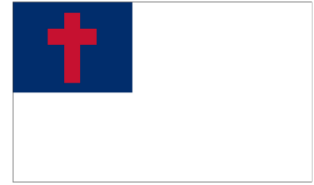
When we arrived I saw that Nova Vida was in fact sinking very fast and at that time had no clue why. I turned on the bilge pump but it could not keep up with the in flow of water coming in! Meanwhile Stela was organizing people to find a gas powered water pump to come and pump the water. 2 pumps quickly showed up but neither would function. I was working with one pump to try and fix it and asked Stela to call Daniel to bring our high flow emergency pump from our home boat LUZ DA VIDA to Silves to pump out the water. About 20 minutes after Stela called Daniel he arrived with the pump and we started pumping the water out. Unfortunately Nova Vida had sunk above the 250hp motor. I had managed to get one of the broken pumps to work properly and the two pumps now pumped out all the water and Nova Vida then floated normally.



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Continued, Sinking of Nova Vida!!!

Stela and I had Nova Vida towed to a mechanic's home in a cove on the Northwest side of the Island of Silves. We began draining water from the oil and pulled the chairs of the back row where the 200 liter gas tank was located underneath. We drained all the gasoline which was mixed now with river water into plastic drums. We pulled the batteries out to dry them and started drying electrical connections.

I then started to find out why Nova Vida sank. The first thing is that the motor mount holes for the bolts were not sealed and were leaking. Then I found that the back deck where the motor was mounted had a drainage mount with two holes for water to drain out into the river, but the drain holes were not enclosed with tubing and were actually draining inside Nova Vida. Third I found that the back deck itself was not sealed, which when the deck went below the water level allowed a high flow of water to enter Nova Vida and over powered the automatic bilge pump. So these issues made a perfect storm for the waves that were also hitting the stern of the boat which overpowered the bilge pump and sank Nova Vida in less than 15 minutes.

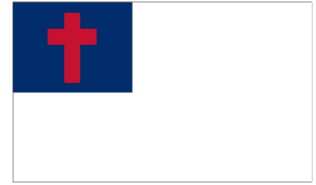
We were blessed that a Mercury Mechanic was in Itacoatiara and could come the next day to take apart the 250hp motor to save it. He did a very good job. He sprayed electrical cleaner into all the connections first and allowed them to dry. Then took the heads off the motor and sprayed them down with cleaner and put fresh oil on them. We were so blessed that while in the USA I had bought some special tools that were specific for this 250hp motor. Since this motor is new in Brazil he was able to save the motor using my tools. After one full day and a half Nova Vida cranked and ran very well!!!

Later we had to replace the starter motor for Nova Vida. After ordering one it finally arrived about a month after the incident and now is running great.

We will have to take Nova Vida to dry dock to make the permanent repairs to the stern hull and motor mount and install a larger bilge pump!!!

Even though this incident happened, the missions did not stop. We continued with Hannah G, the smaller aluminum boat with 15hp, to persevere Taking the Word Forward!!!



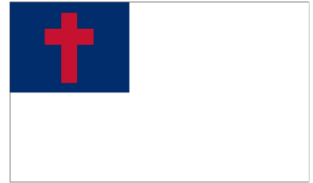


Arrival of Home Building Materials!!!

The first barge arrived bringing a track hoe, two dump trucks, a front end loader, sand, gravel and crushed granite!!! The track hoe first made a barge port for us and then scraped out a road to the storage area.

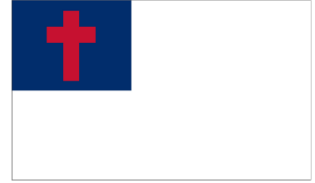
This port will serve for the rest of the materials to come for the home and other future buildings for the Amazon River Missions camp site!!! The Camp is about 120 acres on the Sanabani River.





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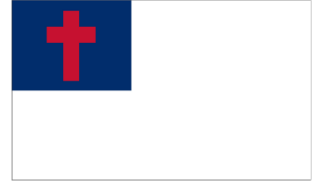
Arrival of Clay Blocks!!!

The second barge brought 20 thousand clay blocks to build the home and the materials that were bought in May for the fresh water well when it is drilled.

They also brought back the track hoe and front end loader to dig out the home site and transport the blocks to the home site area.

For those of you that built a home with Home Depot or Lowes close by and stressed out building your home, try living here with arranging barge and boat transportation!!!



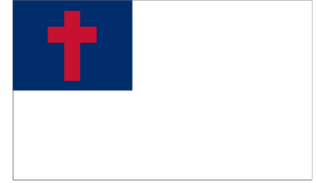


Digging Out the Home Site!!!

Digging out the home site was an event, because we don't have those nice survey tools and Gps topos to get depths and locations. Here they were using water levelers and branches to mark it out. Unfortunately some large palms and a fruit tree had to go to make room for Amazon River Missions Camp Home!!! Ground has been broken and we are on the road to a home on solid ground instead of one that floats!!!

Many families have benefited from ARM's camp site construction and site clearing, where work is hard to find on this river. They feel very blessed and have been able to buy food, gasoline, and for some, even a canoe or refrigerator through work they have done on the camp site. Stela and I are blessed also to have good people to work at the ARM site and also learn about Jesus as they work with us!!!! Miracles are happening in very many different aspects!! Praise be to God!!



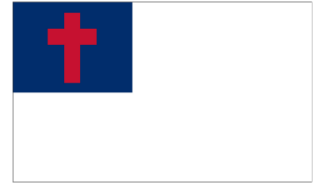


Jaguar Tree!!!

Stela and I walked down a trail to see more of the Camp property and found this scrape from a Jaguar. From the height of the scrape we believe it is a spotted Jaguar and not a brown or Black which are little smaller!! The Jaguar seems to follow the Howler monkeys which come on the property to eat seeds from the tall trees in the back of the property. The Jaguars also eat alligators that swim by the banks of the river!!!

Below is a picture of the scrape!!!





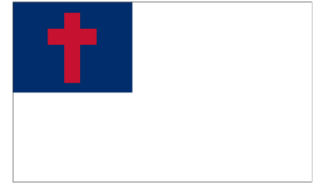
Eye Glasses!!!

ARM continues to give out reading glasses!!!! As you can see below, they read a Bible verse from a card three times to insure I got the right pair of reading glasses!!

I am no eye Doctor by any means, but this simple examination makes a huge difference in their lives. For many this is the first time they actually read a Bible verse.

Every time some one is examined they are asked to have an actual eye examination by a trained Doctor.





Bible Class location moved!!!

Due to waiting to make permanent fixes to Nova Vida to safely transport children, and also due to construction at home site we moved the Bible Class to the Itua river village community center!!!

We had a lot of complaints from all the members of the class because they love the Chapeu de Palha location, but they understood why and are kind of patiently waiting to return to the ARM camp site.

Stela taught the kids Ping Pong, a new sport to them. They went crazy over playing on the Jungle regulation ping pong table. They did not want Bible Class to end !!!!

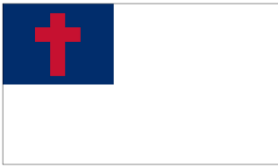


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Taking the Word Forward!



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

- In-Touch Messengers, which are a solar powered pre-programmed 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 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 Baptist, Ladies Club of Rock Hill Baptist Church-Brandon MS, Hebron Hills Coffee Club Hwy 18 Brandon 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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