



The Anchor Point

SANABANI RIVER, BRAZIL

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Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, where we must be saved.

ACTS 4:12

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166 New Disciples to be trained

Wow, so many needing to be trained, taught and molded into great servants for the Kingdom of God! What a great challenge for the coming year in 2023!

We are now working heavily with 5 communities, including one new community that was started with the visit of the missionary group from Flowood Baptist and Meadow Grove Baptist Churches. Many villagers have fire for Jesus! Now they need to learn the truths of the Word of Jesus and what their part is in their new walk in life!

The 4 individuals that were baptized in October are leading a great new walk as an example for others to follow!

As some of you may or may not know, life is very hard for the villagers here on the rivers. There are pressures from drug traffickers, sex traffickers, sexual, physical and mental abuse in the home, and many other peer pressures that try and keep them from seeking Jesus! But the ones that do seek Jesus find light in the darkness and an abundance of love with a new hope to survive the trials and temptations from evil!

We are eager to start new discipleship classes and continue with ones currently in training. We invite you to come and help in any way possible. It's your prayers, support and giving through the blessings of God that keep this ministry going and *Taking the Word Forward* in the Amazon River Basin.

Lives are being changed!

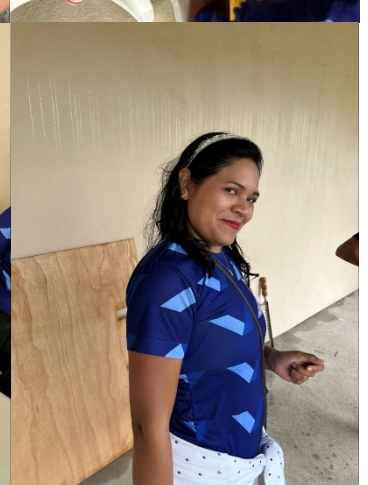
Bible Class Thanksgiving

Teaching English is not the only focus of our Bible classes. The main focus is to give direction to the life and walk of JESUS and give thanks for His sacrifice. Imagine Jesus looking down from the cross, asking His father to forgive us “for they do not know what they do”! Jesus looking down to us, shedding blood, gasping for breath, humiliated and nailed to the cross after performing numerous miracles in His short life. We all need to be thankful for this each and every day!

We celebrated Thanksgiving not only for Jesus but for the blessings we have each received.

We did not have a traditional turkey, but American hamburgers. They were a huge hit with this group! We had a great day with games even though we had heavy rain!

Camp Light of Life is praising God and giving Thanks!



Camp Luz Da Vida Christmas!

Merry Christmas to all!

Camp Luz Da Vida, "Light of Life", workers received a food gift pack as appreciation for their hard work in the Camp! Sometimes long hours of laying cement, carrying sacks of cement and other materials approximately 100 meters up hill needs to be commended!

We all prayed together giving thanks to our God for His blessings and His greatest gift of Jesus Christ, who gave His life for ours! A lot of tears were shed during our prayer. We thanked and praised God as we celebrated the birth of Christ and remembered of why He was born!

In general, the people in Brazil are not in poverty. There may be some in poverty but as a nation it is far from it. The government hands out billions, even more than what the welfare system in the USA gives. Every country around the world has families hungry for food, but in saying this, there are more families in the world that are not hungry for God's Word and the Gift He gave to us. Most people these days refuse this Gift!

This Christmas, open your gift from God!

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

MATTHEW 1:21



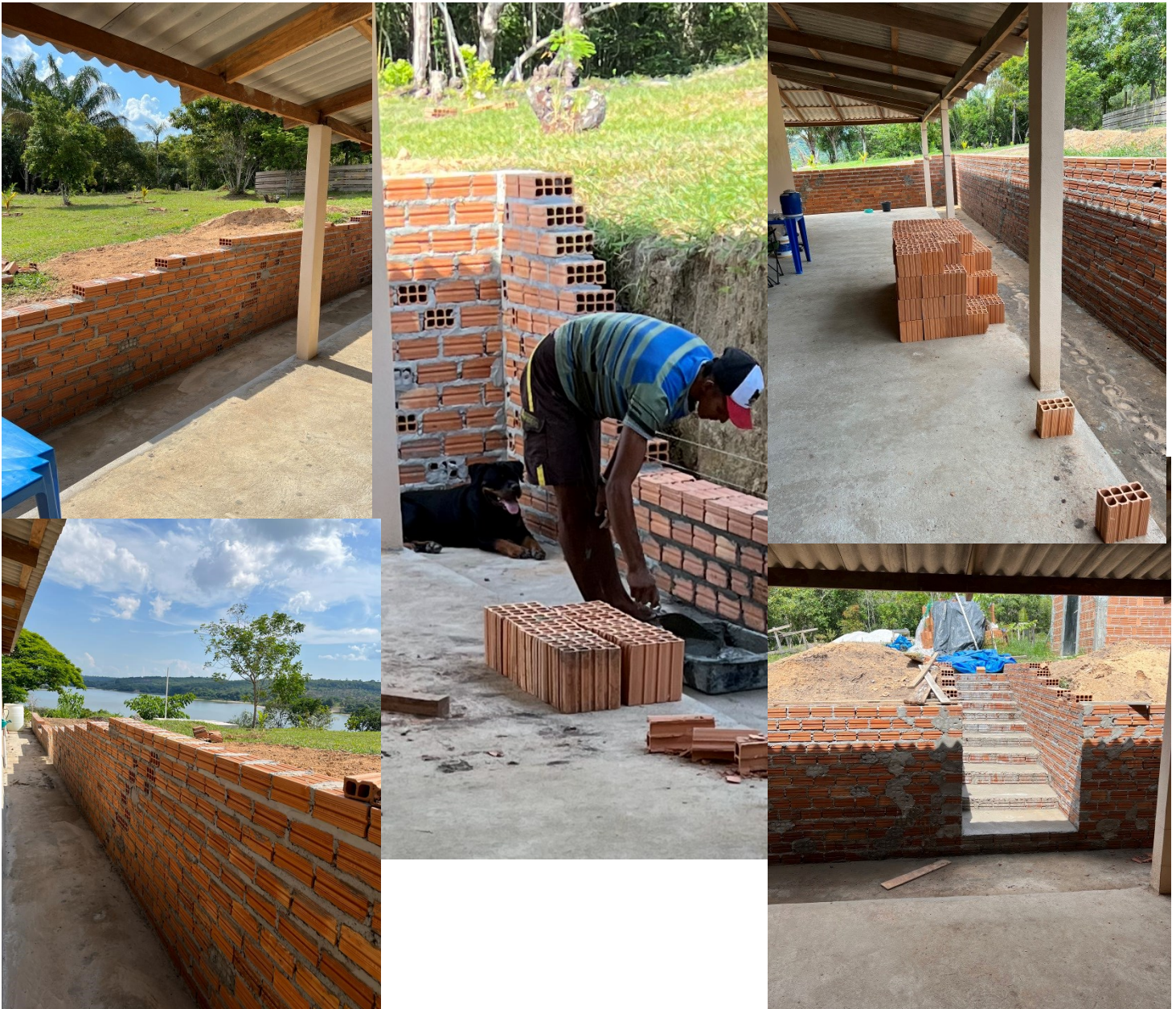
Retaining wall started!

The much-needed retaining wall work has started which will protect our home from torrential rains and erosion. The workers have dug out the grade needed for the rain water to travel to its intended drainage to the river, minimizing erosion along the way! As most of you know, you do not want water standing or flowing on the ground around your home because it could leave the foundation soft and could cause unwanted settling.

Praise the Lord we were blessed with the funds needed to start and complete this project. We cannot thank you enough for following God's leading!

We are about 55% complete. The work has been a little slow because of heavy rains and a shortage of sacks of cement in the city of Silves.

Prayerfully this project will be finished by Christmas!





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TAKING THE WORD FORWARD



The ARM 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 Spiritually Based Teachings of the gift of Salvation by Jesus.
- Fellowship Events, Youth and Children's Camps
- Short Term Mission Teams

The ARM Ministry Team is living full time on the Sanabani River at LUZ DA VIDA Mission camp, 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.