

Top 5 Ways to Participate

1. Pray for us daily.
2. Support or become a career missionary
3. Invest financially every month:
 - a. To a Ministry Fund as outlined below
 - b. To help a Missionary stay on the field
4. Invest financially in a special project:
 - a. Finish office HQ building US \$12,000
 - b. Furnish office HQ building US \$8,000
 - c. Tractor for Porto de Moz TLC camp US \$10,000
5. Pray for us more.

Response Form

- Please send me this monthly newsletter. I would like to pray in an informed way for the people of the Amazon.
- I would like to support the following fund or missionary financially.
- One Time Gift \$ _____
- Monthly Support \$ _____

Designated Funds

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Bergen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altamira Base | <input type="checkbox"/> Bouthillier |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Porto de Moz Base | <input type="checkbox"/> Dolan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Gil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ITA Bible School | <input type="checkbox"/> Hansen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brazilian Leaders | <input type="checkbox"/> Simon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Town |

E-mail us for information about Canadian donations.

For a tax-deductible receipt, please make US donations out to the Xingu Mission, clearly designating the specific fund on separate paper.

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**Xingu Mission
Field Report**



The Town Family

Lyn and Stuart Town and their sons Max and Joe moved to the Xingu from Penticton, B.C., Canada four years ago.

Originally making a two year commitment, their goal was to help the Mission in any way possible. Stuart became responsible for maintaining several of the mission boats and transportation. Their home quickly became a meeting place for a kids group, for a young girls group and an adult home group. As their first term drew to a close they felt called to get more involved in front line mission work. (Planting Churches and Training Leaders).



They moved from Altamira to help Richie and Christie Bouthillier pioneer a new base in Porto de Moz, which is 12 hours downstream by line boat.

For over two years they have hosted a weekly family group in their home. In addition to home schooling, Lyn, teaches a children's group every Saturday, works with a group of young



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girls teaching them how to be godly young woman and attends a Ladies Bible Study.

Joe and Max are fluent in the Portuguese language and love to serve as translators for teams. In August Joe traveled with a Canadian team serving as the principal translator. The boys are also learning how to pilot the Mission boats with skill and confidence.

Stuart is focusing his efforts on river ministry. He had a boat built (The Maranata IV) and travels several days a week preaching the “good news” and training church leaders. Through this work a new church is being opened in the village of Turú. Stuart has established various preaching points (congregations) which he visits regularly with hopes they will become viable churches. Another major effort has been developing a rural training facility called “Monte Verde” with buildings, as well as planting rice, coffee, melons, corn and a number of fruit trees.

In September 2003 the Towns will be returning to North America for a well deserved rest. They look forward to visiting family and friends. They also want to share the Xingu Mission’s vision in various churches, raising prayer and financial support so that they can continue to do the Lord’s work for their fifth and sixth year. *xm*



Stuart Town in a Turú church meeting

Miracle saving of another kind

Every year the Central Church in Altamira has an outing for the children and parents. This year the church went to one of the local farms right outside the city. It was a beautiful day filled with soccer, volleyball, and swimming. All was going well, when all of a sudden Jónatas, Pastor Clenildo’s son saw Mateus lying on the bottom of the pool. He screamed for help and jump into the water to save Mateus. With the help of others (Continued on page 3)



Mateus, Rosana, and Lucas

Porto de Moz Pastoral Team

Railson Gil has a special desire to reach the disadvantaged and enjoys opportunities to share the Gospel. Part of his pastoral ministry strategy involves hosting a local radio broadcast, occasional film-showing at church and in the community, teaching young believers, working on community construction projects, and, more recently, taking groups of young men on “survival and Bible” retreats into the bush.

Heidi, as a community nutritionist, enjoys the link her work with the department of health gives her with the community. Duties include caring for about 200 healthy infants per month as well as undernourished children from the city and river villages. Often she is able to identify needs that the church can meet through visits and counseling. Heidi has a vision for a strong children and women’s ministry at the local church, and participates on the worship team.

Railson and Heidi are developing their church into a center for material and spiritual support of the growing network of river churches within the municipality. They are also working on a church plant in the city of Almeirim. Railson makes the five-hour boat trip once a month to encourage the believers there. On a weekly basis about 20 adults meet in a house rented by the church in Porto de Moz to worship together and learn from the Word. There have already been several new conversions and baptisms, and a Saturday Bible session for children is being developed by one of the members. *xm*



Timóteo, Railson, Heidi, Sarah

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Miracle saving of another kind

they were able to bring the boy to the edge of the pool. Mateus was not breathing. His face and lips were dark with no signs of life. They started to perform mouth to mouth on the boy while praying that the Lord would spare this child’s life. After several long minutes came the sweet sounds of Mateus choking and then crying. The boy started breathing. The next day at church Mateus and his Mom Rosana told their miraculous story. Rosana was crying for joy that her little boy was saved from death. Mateus then took the microphone and said “I died, but Jesus brought me back to life”. Amen!!! *xm*