



New church property

Pastors Ailton and Eliane are the Pastors of the Mutturão church. They have been having services for the past several years in their garage. The church is full each Sunday service with people standing in the streets. They have started construction on their new church but need more financial help. They need \$14,000 to complete. Please be a part of this successful church plant or one of our other project needs.

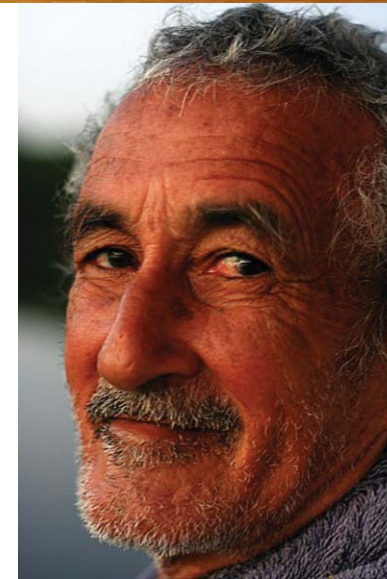
## Other Altamira Base Project

Boats -Maintenance and construction of newboats	\$ 12,000.00
Church Building Construction - 8 Buildings	\$ 23,000.00
Training Center - Altamira	\$ 37,000.00
Training Center - Aqua Preta	\$ 2,200.00
Motorcycles for church planting	\$ 12,000.00
Equipment (sound, computers, projectors, etc.)	\$ 10,000.00

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# Xingu Mission Field Report



*"Xtreme Mercy"*

*Changing the world one life at a time*

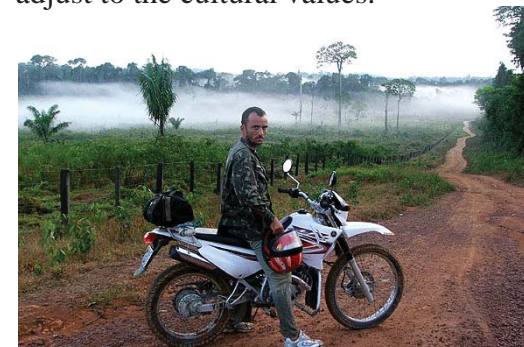
## Reproducing the reproducible

Include everyone, let everyone play. We remember these tenets from our earliest years growing up, both in the home and in school. These principles are commonly repeated

in our society and in cultures around the world. Timeless concepts and true. Creating something reproducible within the fabric of the culture makes the redemptive work of God something that will be passed on through generations.

A fundamental key within a church planting movement is the concept of reproducibility. Here are some areas of reproduction to consider:

1) **Reproducible spiritual principles** include communicating values, practices, and priorities within the context of the culture. This often looks different as we move from one culture to another. It is common to confuse our cultural values, practices and priorities with immutable, God given values, practices, and priorities. We need to retain a flexibility to adjust to the cultural values.



Polie is one of our church planters - Do not let the serious face fool you, he is a man after God's heart.

2) **The message needs to be deliverable within the economic reality of the people.** It is tempting to use all of the best & biggest of Western culture, but often the message becomes lost in the delivery. We must use delivery systems that are culturally accessible and maintainable. In our context we use wooden boats because everyone uses wooden boats and we use motorcycles because everyone and their brother drives motorcycles.

**3) Creating a team of leaders that own the message.** As an intentional church planting movement, we believe that growing churches takes place through a small group structure and that growing a movement takes place by the intentional starting of new churches. We need a team of nationals that believe the message and are willing to take ownership of it. They will deliver and defend the message as their message. This is not because someone convinced them, but because they see the values as brought out in Scripture.

**4) Developing a field of operations** that allows nationals to realize the vision and values of the movement. If not, the activity will become exclusive to the missionaries and eventually stop when the missionaries leave. To make it lasting, there needs to be time in the life of the national layperson and a way in which to carry out the vision. It needs to fit into the rhythm of life that exists.

As we do things that are reproducible, they will be copied again and again by the local churches and her leaders. When we do things that are not reproducible, we stifle and strangle the very work that we are working to achieve. This would create an unsustainable entity and would leave a vacuum that the local church will not be able to fill and probably would not even care to fill when International funding stops. If we make the work reproducible the work will carry forward beyond our lifetime.

### God's Healing Touch

During the last stretch of our slippery, mucky, five hour, dirt bike ride to Agua Preta for missionary outreach to this remote village, Bonfin went down hard. He had only fallen once previously, without incident. All of us were falling and struggling with the conditions. This time when he got up, he had significant forearm pain after falling on his outstretched arm. He wasn't able to use his



Member of the church at kilometer 120



Virgilho preparing for his message - Church planter at Kilometer 120



Where are the orange barrels?

left hand because of the pain. When we arrived at our destination, he was tearful and hurting. Tim felt the painful area, and felt the bone grind and shift beneath his fingers, a sensation diagnostic of a fracture. Tim told Bonfin that his arm was broken, gave him some ibuprofen, formed a splint and a sling for him, and advised him, because of the road conditions, to take a boat back to Altamira as he would have difficulty managing the pain over the next several days, even as a passenger. He said he appreciated the advice, but that he would continue on, as originally planned. We all gathered around him and asked God to touch him. He felt nothing initially and actually woke Tim during the night to get some more medicine for the pain.

The next morning Bonfin felt no pain and we credited the splint. By lunch, he wished to go without the splint and, by the following morning, he had complete, painless function of his hand. Complete, rapid, remarkable recovery. Either, 1) the fracture remained and God gave him significant pain relief, 2) the fracture was healed, or 3) the initial diagnosis was inaccurate. The latter is possible but unlikely based on Tim's experience as a physician. The former is unlikely as he had no return of pain after returning to Altamira. We concluded God's healing of a fracture likely occurred.

Bonfin received it as a gift from his Father. All of us were encouraged and surprised.

God is God. Why does He remarkably change the condition of one ill person and not another? We have no idea. But we know that sometimes He does, and this motivates us to come to Him on another's behalf. The outcome is His to determine. And we know that He loves using people. He loves people touching and loving hurting people, whether the wounds are physical, spiritual, emotional, or circumstantial. It is an honor and a privilege to be a tool in the hands of the Carpenter as He continues to make and shape His creation.



Putting on the splint



I AM HEALED!



Stuck in the mud