

## Porto de Moz Vision

What is it that Jesus desires of us, in this place, at this time? This is the question that we have been asking for the past year or so in Porto de Moz. We have decided that His heart for us is to focus on four things: Training leaders, developing small home groups that focus on relationship (with our Father and with each other), mentoring those with hungry hearts, and emphasizing Kingdom values. We have been thrilled in the past few months to see these emphases so well received. We have a group of about twenty men and women who have demonstrated deep hunger for more; more training, more responsibility, more opportunity to be used by their Father, and more intimacy with Jesus. These individuals are being mentored individually one-on-one by the missionaries and will soon be mentoring others in Kingdom values. The basis of the mentoring is relationship rather than study. We do not exchange information (Bible study) as much as converse with each other and with our Father. We have weekly times of discussion, conversation, and prayer, with perhaps some study. Our goal is intimacy; intimacy with Jesus and intimacy with each other. Our goal is to see Jesus develop Jesus-lovers (disciples), who will then be used to develop others in the love of Jesus, who will then be used...

We have decided that our Father would have us develop disciples rather than plant churches. This is a bit of a change for us but we are convinced that many of these disciples will walk, worship, and work together (a church) and this is the emphasis of our Father's heart for this season in the Porto de Moz region.

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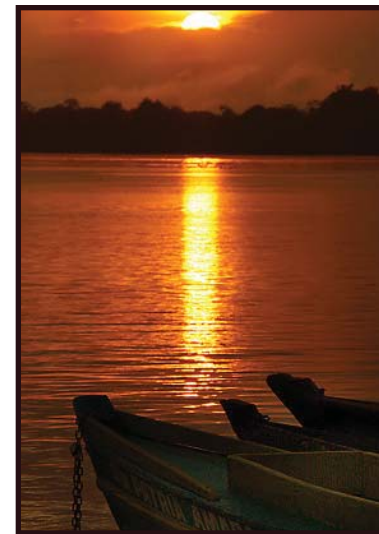
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# Xingu Mission Field Report



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## Porto de Moz

Porto de Moz hosts monthly leader trainings, called TLC's (Training Leaders in Community). We all load onto one of our boats and go to our camp an hour away at Monte Verde. We've been teaching about community building and have laid out a training track for small group and ministry leaders, and pastors. In April we had a joint TLC with leaders and pastors from Altamira. Nearly 90 of us gathered to worship, learn, teach, pray and... play. It was great not only seeing our leaders hook up with their old friends from Altamira but feeling the sense of unity between the two bases.

River ministry continues to be a slow, yet rewarding part of our mission. Kevin VanHulle, along with his boat captain and "river-pastor-in-training" Ney, have been able to minister regularly in 5 communities (Ariua, Fazendinha, Apaiei, Quieras and Nova Vida) on the Jaruacu River. When we talk about the "harvest being plentiful," river ministry amplifies this! After a trip to one community, the next thing you know, a community up or down river is asking for us to come there and share about Jesus. Many of these people have

heard the gospel but have not yet accepted Jesus as their Savior, nor do they have any idea how to "live" as a disciple of Jesus. We take Jesus' command to "go and make disciples" very seriously and some of the ways we do river ministry has changed. We try to teach them something that is easily reproducible, and deeper. We've been spending more time with community leaders and their families, forming relationships, teaching and modeling small groups, women's groups, and mentoring, as well as providing for practical needs (such as clothes, medicine and Sunday school supplies).



*Training along the river*



## Annual Women Retreat



Women that partipated in retreat

Porto de Moz recently hosted our 3rd women's retreat at the camp in Monte Verde. The theme this year was "The real value of a woman." As is always the case at Monte Verde, God showed up in a powerful way, touching and liberating women from years and year of sins and abuses. It is a great privilege to serve and disciple the women in our area.

## Water Filters

The Water Filter Project of the Porto de Moz Region, financed by many individuals and Thirst Relief International, continues to provide clean drinking water to many families living in the interior, on the rivers of the Amazon Basin. Sixty concrete Biosand filters are constructed over three weeks and delivered by a team of eight local men during the fourth week of each month. This project continues to benefit people and glorify our Father in several ways. The people

of the interior know that contaminated water is a significant source of health problems and they receive these filters with gratitude and enthusiasm. As we deliver and install the filters (each weighs about 400 lb), we have the opportunity to interact with the families in their homes, looking for ways to encourage them in their pursuit to know God and the hope that is found only in Him. We pray with each family after our work is finished, communicating to them our Father's interest in their concerns, and in them as individuals. We inquire as to their health concerns and address them medically. At times we meet with them in the evenings to worship, share a truth from the Bible, and pray for special needs. Each morning, the team meets to worship, study God's word, and pray for each other and often people living nearby on the river will join us. This delivery week is a "retreat" away from "normal" for the eight men who work with us as it is a time devoted to learning to pursue closeness with God.



This family received a water filter



Delivering filters to families along the river community

They are individually mentored and disciple through the filters and health care, we gain the respect and the interest of these people living in the interior in the same way that the temporal works of Jesus gained the attention of the people of the middle east 2000 years ago. The Kingdom is about love and, first and foremost, we are called to love. The Biosand water filters provide a means to love the people, as they are, with "no strings". This is certainly how our Father loves us and how we desire to continue to love the beautiful people living on the rivers of the Amazon Basin.

## Short Term Teams

Visits from short-term teams from the United States and Canada are an integral part of our mission in Porto de Moz. Over the past several months, we have had some great opportunities to share our ministry with "short-termers." The benefits to the missionaries in having these North American friends visit are numerous.

The fellowship with English speaking Christians is a welcome reprieve, the encouragement we receive helps to propel us forward in our work, and did you know that 6 out of the 8 missionaries serving in Porto de Moz were first introduced to the Xingu Mission through a short-term trip? It seems to be one way that God directs potential full-time workers. For the Short-termer, it is a chance to be used and stretched by God in new ways. The Short-termer becomes a part of something in a third world country that is bigger than him/herself. Then, when they return home, they can continue to stay personally involved, and can contribute to something or someone with whom they now have a relationship. And their relationships with others on their team will never be the same. In the coming months, there are more short-term teams on the calendar. Please pray for us and those who are traveling, that we will be empty vessels, willing to use our gifts for God however He would desire.



Short term mission team praying for a family