

Joy in Heartbreak *cont.*

his headache and insisted that he stay at the hospital. After the injection, Antonio started to get very agitated. Twice within the next twenty minutes, Antonio's heart and breathing stopped. The second time he was in mid sentence looking at his daughter when he collapsed with his eyes open and lifeless. Alice tried frantically to revive him as I ran to get the doctor again (no call buttons here). Upon arriving the doctor gave Antonio a forceful blow to the chest bring life back to his motionless body. The doctor gave Antonio something for the allergic reaction he was having to the meds. It was disheartening to watch this 12 year-old girl watch her father's life signs slip away twice while her mother was in police custody and her younger brother and sister were at home alone. So where is the joy in this heartbreak? Antonio survived and for the past few months I have been spending a lot of time working alongside this family talking with them about my life with Jesus. Just a few weeks ago, praise God, Antonio and his wife, Sebastiana, accepted Jesus as their savior as their daughter did over a year ago. They still have a long way to go but I know with Jesus' help and your prayers that they will make it.



Alice & Antonio

Prayer Request

- Pray for Antonio and his family as they fight his drinking problem.
- Pray for Aderiu and Adriana during their time of grief.
- Pray for the success of the new solar project.

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Xingu Mission Field Report

Xtreme Mercy
Planting Churches and
Training Leaders

Andreia
by Richie Bouthillier

Over the years as a Pastor I have had to perform several funerals but the death of a young person is particularly difficult for me. On May 1st, Andreia, a close friend of the family and daughter of our boat captain Aderiu, passed away suddenly. Andreia had been celebrating her 14th birthday with friends at a river village when she fell suddenly ill and passed out. She was rushed to the hospital in Porto de Moz but never regained consciousness and passed away with her mother Adriana at her side. Many of you reading this may remember Andreia if ever you rode the mission boat Maranata III. Often

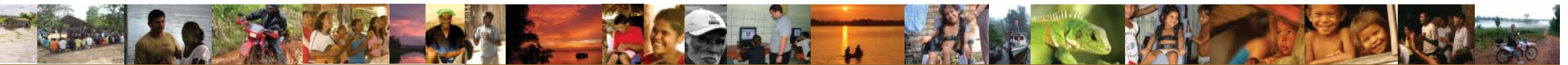
Andreia was on the boat helping out however she could. Andreia had lived in the village of Cupari until age 11 and then came to Porto de Moz to continue her schooling. Andreia loved the LORD and her death impacted the whole city. Her school shut down and hundreds of people attended the customary wake and went to the graveside service. Many people were reminded that her place in heaven is sure and that we too can have surety of a place in heaven. Please pray for Aderiu and Adriana in the difficult time and trust that her testimony will serve to lead others to Christ.



Andreia with a youth from the church



Funeral for Andreia



Cottage Industry as a model for Missions

by *Richie Bouthillier*

For several years the Xingu Mission has been planting churches in remote areas of the Amazon. While we have had much success in starting churches we have encountered many obstacles along the way. One such obstacle is to not only raise up local leadership but to position that leader in a way that he can reproduce himself and churches without the ongoing assistance of



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the local church and/or mission. Over the years I have seen over and over where leaders are trained but as they live or are deployed to rural areas they end up spending a large portion of the their time in what I call survival mode. By this I mean that they are dedicating a very large amount of their time to hunting, fishing, planting in order to sustain themselves. As a result time for evangelism or leading in the community and



65 watt solar panel

region is greatly limited. It is my belief that one of the solutions to this obstacle not only in Brazil but in missions worldwide is the introduction of cottage industries. For a little over a year now we have been building a cottage industry around photovoltaics. (solar cells) In our initial phase we were given seed money to begin our cottage industry. We began by purchasing solar cells and the necessary tools and materials. Dr. Richard Komp an expert in this field together with students from the University of Dayton provided training and after a few weeks we were producing our first cell phone/ battery chargers and 65 watt panels. From there we began sourcing materials and putting together our business plan. Over the course of the next year, our goal is to train church workers in rural areas to build solar panels which can be marketed on the river and in the cities. With a very modest amount of work a significant return can be made to sustain these rural workers. Rural church laborers will become part of an association

where they can receive training and materials which would in turn pay them for their finished product. City based members of the association would then market the finished panels generating more work for the rural leader. Currently we are building panels in Porto de Moz and selling them locally. Over this next year we hope to create an association and began training rural leaders. A special thanks to all who are involved in this project and an extra special thanks to Ralph Bierdman of Columbus Ohio who provided us with seed money and a wealth of knowledge.



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by *Terry Price*

A little over three years ago, I joined the Xingu Mission in Porto De Móz. One thing that I have learned is that serving our Lord Jesus Christ can be heartbreaking. However, if you turn to Him, if you trust in Him, the heartbreaks can turn into overabundant joy. The next story is an example of God's faithfulness.



Antonio

Earlier this year Alice, a 12-year old girl from my bible study group, came to me crying because her mother had struck her father Antonio in the head with a hammer because he had been drinking. She was worried because she did not know where he was, all she knew is that he had run into the street with blood running down his face. This is when her half brother came by and told us her father had gone to the hospital, received stitches and was with his brother. Afterwards we prayed and I help her to calm down with the help of Jesus, and I sent them on their way. When I saw her later that evening I found out that the police had her mother in custody and her father was at home. Shortly after our conversation, she came to my house asking me to take her father to the hospital because his head was hurting and he was acting strange. At the hospital, the doctor gave Antonio an injection for