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Xingu Mission Field Report



The Souzel Church

The Souzel church has been going and growing since 2001 and now has a congregation of a 150 strong. Souzel is a small town located on the Xingu river. Pastor Ademir and his wife Dina have developed this church through their faithful service. The church has successfully planted 3 additional churches with a fourth church possibly coming in the next year or two. In addition to their church and church plants, Ademir hosts a radio program every morning, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. This radio transmission is heard by around 25,000 people throughout the Souzel region. *xm*



Ademir and Dina



The Souzel Church



The Marantha I – Ademir uses this boat to plant churches along the Xingu River

Motorcycle Ministry

With all the rough terrains and sometimes unthinkable obstacles in this area of Brazil, motorcycles have become one of our main ministry tools to reach the unreached. Motorcycles can cut through areas that cars or trucks would never be able to get through. They have opened up areas that were once extremely hard to reach and motorcycles are a more cost effective way to plant churches in the interior. Recently, Rick Bergen, Ross Hansen and Clenildo Campos went in the interior to perform a baptism. This 92 kilometer trek is hard riding and took nearly 6 hours. They had many obstacles to overcome, but in the end one more person was baptized.

According to world evangelism statistics, many involved in missions are focused on the 97% Priority People groups in the world residing in strategic geographic regions. The question that must be answered is this, "What about the other unreached areas?" This is essentially the Xingu Mission in a nut shell, to be a part of reaching the other geographically difficult areas to reach, many located in the Amazon River Basin. We must choose to be a part of going after the forgotten! *xm*



Pastor Clenildo baptizing Joel



Ross and daughter Rachelle (on back) negotiating one of many obstacles



Rick blazing a path through the rough terrain

Kilometer 80 and Cariá

There are many growing and thriving churches in the Xingu region that are reaching into areas that haven't heard the gospel. The Souzel church led by Pastor Ademir is a great example. Ademir is enthusiastically reaching other areas on the Xingu River as well as deeper into the interior.

Ademir ministers to one area on the river called Cariá. It is located five hours by boat down river and on the other side of the Xingu. It is a farming area with a growing church and he visits them monthly with others from his church. Besides Ademir's periodic visits, the church has two regular leaders to minister to the people in the area.



The church at Cariá

Another area where church planting work is being done is in the opposite direction. It is off the river and 80 kilometers deep into the interior. The farming community is called

Kilometer 80. The dirt road to Kilometer 80 is filled with rolling hills with beautiful views. After 2 hours driving by truck in what seems uninhabited land you come to a community where a good size congregation is meeting at a house there.

These are two examples among many that Ademir and the Souzel church oversees. His Brazilian national leadership sets a great example of training leaders and planting churches and he does it with great care and enthusiasm for God's people. *xm*



The road to the congregation at Kilometer 80. The roads are very rough, and evangelizing via motorcycles is a necessity