

A Challenge for You

The Porto de Moz base of the Xingu Mission presents the following challenge to all readers of this Field Report:

1. Get involved! If you are not currently providing prayer or financial support, begin now. **All** are called to spread the Gospel; some of us are called to do this on the field and some are called to do this from home.
2. Get your small group involved. Take on a special project – like paying for the paint for the Praiã Sunday School or buying a chain saw for Ney to clear his property at Una. Do SOMETHING!
3. Get your small group involved – adopt a missionary family. Communicate with and encourage them, get a list of their prayer needs and pray for them. Take up a collection to bless them with items they cannot get in Brazil. The Bible tells us that “We are blessed **to be a blessing.**”
4. If you are currently a supporter, consider increasing your support a little – the dollar has dropped and has cut spending power in Brazil considerably.

Porto de Moz Base budget (figures shown are monthly US Dollars that are still needed to meet the budget):

Base Training Camp (Monte Verde):	\$500 / month
Church Planting	\$1,300 / month
Boat Maranata III	\$1,600 / month
Boat Maranata V	\$800 / month
General Fund *	\$900 / month
Women's Ministry	\$150 / month
Social Assistance	\$170 / month

*Includes office and administrative expenses and literature (bibles, training material)

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Porto De Moz

The Porto de Moz Base of the Xingu Mission was officially registered as of February of this year and it is growing! Not only in the number of missionary families who have joined our work here, but in the number of church plants being pursued and the number of water filters being delivered. We continue to see God's hand moving in our area of the Amazon Basin as He graciously provides our needs.

The two local churches, Igreja da Vinha Central and Igreja da Vinha Praiã, are growing as well. We're seeing more leadership training, discipleship, and fellowship. Numerous discipleship groups and small groups are meeting throughout the city every week.

When the National InterVinha Pastor's Conference was held in Altamira in April, we were able to send 12 pastors and leaders.

Sidney and Sheila

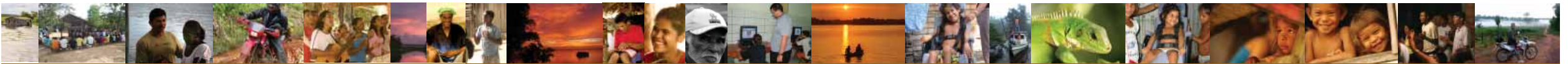
Nothing blesses the Mission more than sending out Brazilian pastors to minister to Brazilians living in the interior (river communities). The blessing is even sweeter when you see the pastor in action and realize that God's hand was all over it. This is the case with Sidney (Ney) and Sheila (pronounced Sh-ay-la), a couple from the Praiã church in Porto de Moz. Last month they moved with their two young children and all of their belongings in

a motorized canoe to an area on the lower Una River. The mission recognized his pastor's heart several years ago and has invested its time and resources in training and equipping him for his ministry.

So you understand the sacrifice they made, imagine selling almost everything you own, taking the rest, putting it all into a canoe with your spouse, 2 children and dog, and heading to an extremely primitive area, accessible only by canoe and on foot. Well, this is what they did so they can spread the Gospel to others who are isolated in their river communities.

In August, some missionaries traveled to the Una





River with the team from Vineyard Columbus. We held two services over two evenings and saw an incredible healing of Sheila's uncle, Zerigo. He had bad eyesight and wore thick glasses. After the service in Nova Vida, Craig got a word about someone's eyesight, so he came forward for prayer. After a few minutes of receiving prayer, Zerigo said his vision was improving, so the team continued praying. After a bit more time, he said it was getting even better, so they prayed some more. Finally, he took off his glasses and said, "My vision is as good without my glasses as it was with my glasses." The next day he led some of the team members on a jungle walk without his glasses! During the same jungle walk, Ney showed us how he's cutting a trail especially for teams to be able to walk all the way to where his house will be. He and Sheila were encouraged by the team's visit and dropped everything they were doing to get the word out about the two services.

Second Annual Women's Retreat

Saboreando a Palavra de Deus, or Savoring the Word of God, was the theme of this year's Central Vineyard's women's retreat. A total of 44 women from Porto de Moz and Altamira came together at the base's training camp at Monte Verde for three days.

There was powerful ministry time—the Holy Spirit showed up with healings, words of knowledge and

words of encouragement. When the women shared their experiences after the retreat, many said they had rarely done more than just read the Bible to read it, without letting His word sink in and transform their lives.



It's not often that women here get a break from the work they do in their homes and for their families so just the time away was a blessing for them. And they were so hungry to learn more about God's word and were so refreshed by Him during ministry times.



The Praião Vineyard continues to grow drawing many young boys and girls whose parents are not (yet) involved in the church. The mission recognizes the value of these youngsters and wants to provide the best possible exposure to Jesus Christ for them. However, space is limited and the church holds its Sunday school on the front porch of the guest house nearby. The church has begun construction of Sunday school classrooms using funds generated by tithes and

special donations but has stopped due to lack of funds and the hope is that this report will spur some of you to donate the needed US\$7,500.

Water Filters

Project Agua Limpa has increased its production and distribution to 60 filters per month (up from 30).

Many of you already know that safe drinking water in the smaller river communities is virtually non-existent. The majority of stomach ailments stems from unsafe drinking water. Diarrhea is common in these areas and results in dehydration and numerous gastric problems. The water filters remove dangerous bacteria from drinking water. Women I have talked to in some of these villages say that the filters have made HUGE differences in the health of people in their communities, especially their children.

More important is that the introduction of the water filters opens doors in these communities for the introduction of Living Water. Nearly every community that asks for filters asks us to come and do a service and tell them more about Jesus. It's an exciting opportunity for our mission; one that is gladly and seriously embraced.



Kevin Van Hulle unloading a filter along the river

New Missionaries

The Porto de Moz base is happy to welcome new missionaries to their team. The Kubacki family joined the base (moving from Altamira) in September of this year. Tim Kubacki is an emergency room doctor who hopes to help with medical needs in the interior. He and his wife, Betsy and four children, Luke, Ellie, Ben and Meredith will live in the Central neighborhood of Porto de Moz.

Terry Price will be arriving as a new missionary later this year. He'll be coming armed to the hilt with experience in children's ministry, an area where the Porto de Moz base desires more investment.

