

# Marabá Vision



1. Why do we Train Leaders and Plant Churches?
  1. This is the best way to multiply our results.
  2. Brazilian leaders can go farther and longer per dollar than we can.
  3. Brazilian leaders know the language and the culture better than we ever will.
  4. This is the most powerful way to influence future generations.
2. Does Brazil need help at this time?
  1. Brazilians here in the North are very open to receiving God. It feels like this nation is heading towards God, and God is blessing them.
  2. Reasons this region needs help:
    1. There are still many communities with no churches, and many are very poor. “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14.
    2. The sin culture is seriously affecting many people. Highway robbers are common. Prostitution is rampant. People are regularly held up at gunpoint and even shot and killed. The stores across the street pass their goods through bars.
    3. There are many capable young people who are eager for a chance to learn. Often they come from broken families with few good examples. Now is the time for a little extra help to get them off on the right foot.
3. Benefits of helping Brazilians at this time:
  1. There is a great satisfaction in working where it is harvest time.
  2. It is easy for North Americans and Brazilians to work together at this time.
  3. Seventeen countries in the world speak Portuguese. We hope some of these leaders will go overseas in the future to Train Leaders and Plant Churches.

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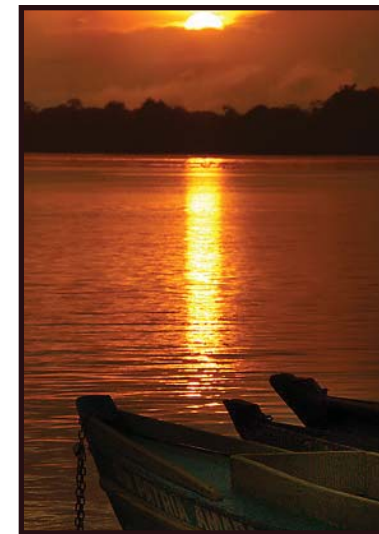
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# Xingu Mission Field Report



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## Marabá



“Oh God, please encourage Adriana, or show me how to encourage her.” Emma was praying for her friend on our worship team before she fell asleep. Thirteen year old Adriana was really discouraged, feeling an oppressing spirit blocking her from enjoying life. Her Mom was always critical and degrading. She had lost her spark, quit smiling and quit playing volleyball. Life had lost its flavor.

“Hey Emma, last night I had a dream. God told me, ‘You have a choice to make. You can either continue to be sad and beaten down and follow the ways of the world, or you can choose to follow me, and I will help you confront these things and overcome them.’ All day I have been torn, not knowing which choice to make. I was fearful of committing my life one hundred percent to God. I did not even know if that was God’s voice. I decided to do it. I will confront these sadnesses, with God’s help.”

That evening Adriana played volleyball, and joined in the fun of the Youth Group. “Last night I sensed a voice saying to me, ‘You made the right choice. That was a good thing

you did today.’ Were those just my thoughts? I wasn’t even thinking about that at the time. They didn’t seem like my thoughts. It seems like God is encouraging me.”

Just over a year ago we (the Bergen family) were still doing survey trips and praying if God was directing us to Marabá. I made friends with a motorcycle taxi driver. I lost his address, but I knew of a little market where people knew him. Our whole family pulled up to this market to ask for directions



*Photo of Annika and Deanna baptizing Adriana. (We encourage those who are most involved in discipleship and leadership of the newer believers to do the baptizing.)*





to Claude's house. They ran and got their twelve year old niece to show us the way. It was quite a courageous act, for Adriana to climb into a car full of foreigners. She later told Emma how that came about. "Elda, my aunt, came running over to me and told me to show some people where my cousin lives. I assumed they were friends or relatives. I was watching TV and did not want to go but she insisted. When I got into the car I realized everyone was a foreigner. I was so scared. I couldn't understand a thing anyone was saying. I was convinced everyone was talking bad about me the whole time. I just smiled and agreed and nodded whenever anyone looked at me, and was very relieved to get out of the car two blocks later.

On July 26th Adriana was baptised during our first baptismal service. Marcos and Dianne, who were in the Christmas play, were also baptised.

So was Bruno, whose Mom has been so impressed with his changed behavior.

And there were others, the first fourteen. It is a time of celebration!



The Bergquist family are missionaries helping in the work

## Yara and Bruno

Yara, is about 14 yrs old and about the size of a toothpick. She was a part of a gang that looked for fights with whoever, boys or girls. When we visited people that knew her, they had nothing good to say about her. They blamed her behavior on her mother who was a drunk.

Today, the same people that had nothing good to say about Yara, now are saying how much Yara has changed and how much her Mom is changing. Yara's mom shared during a recent

visit that because her daughter has changed so much, she is seeing Christ. This is a work in progress, but the house is so much more at peace right now than ever. We are believing God for the salvation of everyone in Yara's home.

Bruno is 14 and yet looks much younger as he isn't very big. He also was a part of a gang that was very violent. Bruno's mother told us that she does believe in miracles because of the miracle that happened in her home due to the change in Bruno. One day there was an argument between Bruno and another kid. Monica had a talk with Bruno. He asked for forgiveness shortly after from the kid he was arguing with. Bruno has a feisty personality but his heart is wanting to do what is right and that is the fruit of Christ in His life! Pray he will mature into a fearless missionary.

When we visit people, they say that there is no other church that is interested in youth and kids like The Vineyard. They think it is wonderful that the church has opened up a place for the kids to come and play and learn.

Bruno and Yara were part of the 14 baptised from the earlier story.



Pastor Ivanildo and Monica baptising Marcus

# Youth Nite

**MARABA!**

The youth had a fun day Saturday. They all gathered at the mission and went down to the beach and had a BBQ, swam and played hard. That night they dressed crazy and weird and had a great time for youth service! They put together a skit and dance that made us all crack up! It was wonderful to see their imaginations run! Many of the kids have very troubled homes. To give them a fun night was a pleasure!

## We have a motto

- First they Belong,
- Then they Believe,
- Then they Behave.

We are amazed at how these youth feel they are part of our chacará, even though if you asked many them if they had ever invited Jesus into their hearts yet they would say, "No, not yet." They want to help as ushers. They want to worship. But if you ask them, "Are you saved?", they often say, "No, I am still thinking about it." But that is changing. They are starting to Believe, and God is starting to transform them on the inside. And that is exciting.



Bruno



Yara at the Marabá base