

Discipleship

As a missionary church planter, discipleship is a key element of planting reproductive churches. Three years ago, Ramon approached us to be part of the church planting team in Portel. He had shown himself to be faithful in the local church in Porto de Moz as part of the youth and the worship team. I am amazed to see what an incredible man of God he has grown into over the last three years. During the initial phases of starting our church, Ramon was our only musician. Ramon poured himself into training others in how to play and worship. We now have several people that not only play instruments but who are worshippers. Recently



Ramon

6 youth gave their hearts to Jesus after having participated in the youth group that he spearheaded and leads. He also co-leads a home group, has a kid's soccer team and oversees a church plant on the Caju River. To support himself, Ramon works as the boat caretaker and pilot for the Maranatha III. Please pray for him and the work that he is doing. It is such a pleasure to see a 25 year old man who loves Jesus pouring himself out to serve the Kingdom of God.

Richie Bouthillier



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One of the things I really appreciate is the value that has been placed on being relational. It has now been three years since we moved to Portel and the closest church that is part of our network is an 18 hour boat ride away. Sometime ago, Christopher and Denise Meyer approached me about exchanging visits. They are planting in Macapa which is the aforementioned 18 hour boat ride away. Recently, we were invited to participate with a team they were hosting from Christopher's home church in Delaware County. Our family spent nearly three weeks traveling by boats, cars and by bus. We returned home tired but

really encouraged. As well, Christopher and Denise have made several trips here to teach and spend time together and are known and loved by the members of our church. These exchanges are common place throughout the mission. Originally, all the missionaries were based in Altamira. Now our organization has spread across the north and begun to reach into the south. Teams regularly come from Canada and the United States for outreach trips, missionary care and conferences. While ministry is an important part of these exchanges that are made both nationally and internationally, the core value



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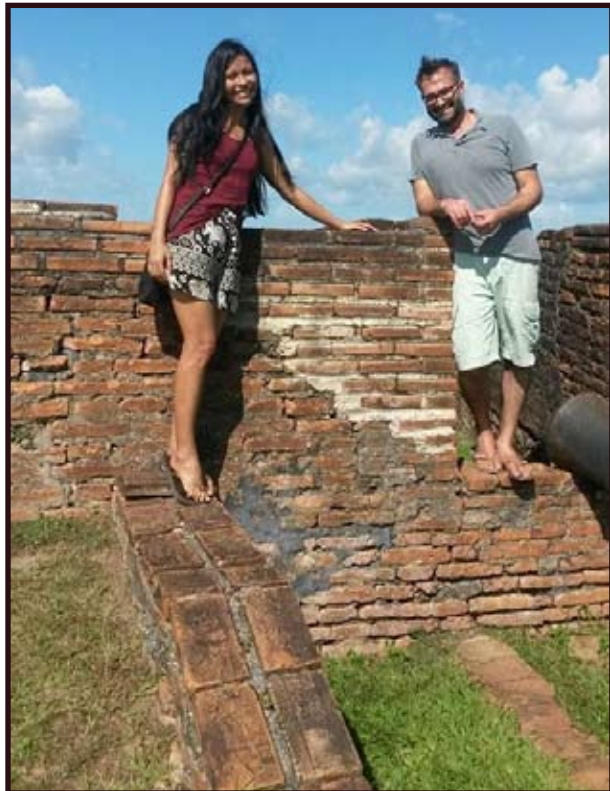


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Exchanging Visits

has been about being relational. Being relational has so many benefits, with understanding, encouragement, and support being a few that stand out. I am grateful for all the people who make the effort to come and serve us and take the time to pray for and encourage us. If you don't already do so, I would encourage you to email or phone the missionaries you support. It may seem small and insignificant, but I promise you that they will be greatly encouraged to hear from you. *Richie Bouthillier*



Christopher and Denise Meyer

Projeto Sorriso



Teaching the kids in the river communities to brush their teeth

Something that has been very important for us is to always be outreach minded as we plant the church so that an Ethos of compassion becomes part of the church's DNA. Over the years we have done medical outreach, been involved with solar energy projects, water filtration and dental clinics, to name a few. The last few months we have been retrofitting the mission boat, the Maranatha III, to provide



Dental Clinic on the Maranatha III

better support for a dental project, aptly named Projeto Sorriso (translation: Project Smile) Two air conditioners, countertops, new wiring, generators and a water filter are some of the improvements that are being made. The boat will be a floating clinic a couple weeks this year, hopefully more frequently next year. The boat will have space for three dentist to work simultaneously and an area to make dentures. Last year the boat sailed over 50 hours roundtrip to a remote area of the Xingu River to support the dental team. Adults and children had their teeth filled or removed and over 100 dentures were made for low income individuals. As well, people were taught basic oral hygiene and hundreds of tooth brushes and tubes of paste were given out. We feel privileged to be able to support rural communities in this way. People along the river suffer greatly from toothaches and infection for lack of access to a dentist. It is a practical way to show love to the people and becomes a bridge to share with them about Jesus Christ. *Richie Bouthillier*



Quality dental care along the river



The difference a smile can make