

How do you reach the unreached?

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Our 1st mission team in 2018 arrived the beginning of February. We travelled by boat to the villages of **Lauro Saudré** and **São João**, with Marty (team leader), Ryan, Jacob and Aaron.

A special welcome at Lauro Saudré!

Lauro Saudré is a Ticuna Indian village not far from Benjamin Constant. We helped build their church a few years ago. What a treat to visit once again and encourage Pr. Nestor.



Ryan Jacob Aaron Marty



There was a children's program in the morning and the afternoon was filled with fun and fellowship. Jacob had great time making friends with the local critters (lower right). This cute little lizard can grow over two meters long! We all prefer him just the way he is. 😊

Welcome to São João. This village is nestled along the river bank close to the only town we can go to by road from where we live, however, you can only reach São João by boat. The families were so glad to have us come.



We had the unique privilege of watching the community of São João make manioc flour!

Manioc...



Manioc is one of Brazil's most important contributions to the global food supply. It is an edible root that has a starchy, sweet flavor and is consumed as a vegetable. It plays a fundamental role in everyday Brazilian cuisine and is a source of income for many families throughout the Amazon. Since it is often considered a poor people's food, many haven't paid attention to it. So, how do you make manioc flour?



Step 1- The men uproot each manioc plant with a firm tug. The women peel off the bark-like exterior of the roots, revealing a white interior and then rinse it thoroughly to clean off any dirt.



Step 2- They feed the manioc through a grinder which turns it into a wet pulp.



Step 3- The pulp is placed into a bin (right) where it is "pressed" to squeeze out all the liquid and then it is sifted (left) into coarse or fine flour.

It's gluten-free!

Step 4- The sifted flour is then placed into a very large metal saucer where they bake it over a fire while stirring constantly until it is thoroughly toasted.



Maurílio is holding up the smaller roots that they set aside for the next season of planting.

What can you do with Manioc? The manioc flour is often sprinkled over beans and rice, fish or meat. You can fry it in oil or butter to make "farofa", adding bits of sausage, bacon, onion, etc. for an especially delicious flavor. The root is often boiled in water like a potato or cooked in stews. We all love "manioc fries"! 😊 The tapioca starch, called poviho, is made from manioc and is used to make "pão de queijo"/cheese breads, breads, cookies and pancakes. Manioc is responsible for much of your **gluten-free baked goods!** Tapioca balls are excellent for making cereal or pudding.

The nutritional value of Manioc - 100 gm of manioc provides 1.8 gm dietary fiber, 1.36 gm protein, 271 mg potassium, 16 mg calcium, 27 mg phosphorus, 21 mg magnesium, 20.6 mg Vitamin C and others. **Health benefits** - Manioc helps ease inflammation and balance your gut flora and provide minerals that perform many important functions throughout your body. It has a low glycemic index which makes it excellent for diabetics. It is an antioxidant and protects your skin from solar rays. This is just a few of its many benefits.

It's always a joy to fit the elderly with reading glasses. One woman told the team that she loves to sew, but had to quit because of her eyesight. After she received a pair of glasses, her eyes glistened with happy tears as she proudly declared that now she will be able to sew again.



God gave us the privilege once again of teaching dental hygiene and giving fluoride treatments.



What a tremendous blessing to introduce these people to a living, loving God who is all knowing, ever present and all powerful! We saw how God used a little man with a BIG FAITH to conquer a big giant, as we reenacted the story of David and Goliath with the kids. Ryan made an excellent GIANT! Great job guys.



No matter where we go, the teens and kids LOVE to PLAY...



We held a service at the end of the day in each village. The guys led a song of praise and Wilson shared a message from God's Word. Since there is no church in São João, we had "church on a porch" with 35 villagers plus our team.



Wilson asked if we could visit them every 15 days and hold a worship service. They gladly accepted and expressed a desire to have a church of their own someday. Maurílio will visit them in two weeks since we will be travelling. We also hope to help fix their well.

What a blessing to have the team stay at our home for the last 2 ½ days of their trip. They gave welding classes at the hangar and worked on the mission van. They also got the speed boat, that was donated, up and running and had an amazing ride on the river. It's pretty fast!



Welding classes with Aaron at the hangar



Jacob working on the mission van



Welding trusses for a church!



Celebrating victory, the boat is up and running... YEAH!

Per special request, Wilson took the guys on a short flight the last day. They flew over the Indian Bible Institute, Graja'ri, a Ticuna Indian tribe and Benjamin Constant.

So many blessings in such a short time! God blesses us every day through your love, prayers and support. We wish each one of you could come and spend time ministering side by side with us to see and experience first-hand all that God is doing through your partnership, but we want you to know that YOU are a vital, integral part of the ministries here! 😊

Thank you for helping us to reach the lost!

You are in our hearts and prayers,
Wilson and Lori

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