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Trip Schedule ~2009~

Murray, Kentucky.....December 27 – January 09
Mobile, Alabama.....February 20 – March 02
Central Arkansas.....May 18 – May 28
Louisville, Kentucky.....June 01 – June 11
Oklahoma.....June 15 – June 25
Mountain Home, Arkansas.....June 29 – July 09
Orlando, Florida.....July 13 – July 24
Middleburg, Florida.....July 27 – August 06

AMOR Pastoral Needs

Pastoral Support – Four (4) now ministering – US\$ 13,042.86 (each, annual)

Annual Upkeep for the AMOR/Beatriz & AMOR/Lori – US\$ 47,300.00 (annual)

Satellite equipment – US\$ 4,300.00

Bibles – 1,200 NIV, full Bibles to be distributed – US\$ 6,600.00

- Annual Costs of Support for each Pastor - US\$ 13,042.86*
(*) Includes salary, fuel, pastoral aid & 2 RBBI's per year

- Vessel Replacement (each) - US\$ 63,000.00*
(*) Steel hull - 48' – 18hp diesel – fully equipped

- Home office with river port and lodging for RBBI - US\$ 95,240.00



**"The people of the world will
not believe the words of your
mouth until they feel the
touch of your hand . . ."**



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AMOR Trip Line ~2008~



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Dear Friends,

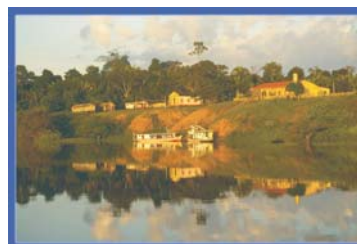
December 15, 2008

God took us to new heights of trust, dependence and gratitude this year. He taught us new lessons in following as He leads. He allowed new and unusual trials so that we could watch Him work to show us that He is truly sufficient in all we might face.



Throughout the 2008 Trip Season, God's provision, mercy and grace was not only present, but visible. Among other less dramatic manifestations, we came to find that the AMOR/Beatriz's huge, main engine could actually undergo a complete overhaul in mid-trip, while anchored off the shores of the mighty Amazon River with a full team of volunteers aboard!

As we traveled to what we thought would be our "furthestmost" destinations this year, God gave us glimpses of what He would have us do still deeper into the Valley – deeper than we have ever been before. This seems to be how He has chosen to work, thus far, in our lives and ministry. I have no reason to believe He will not continue to challenge us in this way as long as we remain willing and teachable – I am grateful that AMOR has always sought to minister where the path is not clear and the results of our efforts, less than predictable.



New opportunities were presented in regions where we have already been ministering for a number of years. Teaching teams patiently shared the Bible with small groups of local leaders on the Maues River and in the Satere-Maue Indian Nation. These efforts were greeted with a hunger for the Word that was both exciting and humbling for those of us who were blessed to witness it. These efforts will be redoubled as we look to 2009.

In April, I was blessed to spend time with our Itinerate during the Spring River Bank Bible Institute in Parintins, experience opened my heart and eyes to the needs way I have not felt or seen before. God gave me the determination to be acutely aware of their needs. obligations, their sustenance has taken priority in my AMOR's ministry here at home.



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For me, this has been a year of daily dependence upon my God. He has, and continues to walk with me through a number of changes in life. He has comforted me, encouraged me and disciplined me. In the balance of all the days that have passed, He has proven through it all to be all that I need. To break it down to one simple thought, He has used the events of this year to prepare me for what He has for me to see this day.

Thank you for your continued prayers, participation and giving. I look forward to sharing yet another year with you as we follow where He chooses to lead . . .

Boyd Walker
President,
Amazon Mission Organization, Incorporated



Annual Trip Report

~2008~



During the 2008 Trip Season, we were blessed to host seven teams from across the USA. We traveled more than 1000 river hours to reach destinations from Kwata (27 hours, one way), Capital city of the Mundurucu Indian Nation, to Inaja (57 hours, one way, down stream!) in the heart of the Wai-Wai Indian Nation. Each trip was vastly different, held together firmly by the common thread of service in Christ's name.

The year started in February with our team from **Mobile, Alabama**. Through all the rain and windstorms typical of this time of year, our volunteers reached two new communities never before open to our coming, deep in the Mundurucu Indian Nation. Through God's Grace and the willingness of our teams to go to uncharted waters, the Mundurucu people are now welcoming us as family instead of with the great suspicion of a few short years ago.



In May, our team from **Castle Rock, Colorado and Joplin, Missouri** had the blessing of not only working in the Lower Lago Preto but also witnessing God's provision when our main engine blew and had to undergo a complete overhaul while anchored of the banks of the Amazon River some 20 hours from Manaus! Many lives were changed during our time together in the communities of Lago Preto de Baixo.



Louisville, Kentucky had a great time among old friends in Lago Preto along with Pastor Edno and Family. The established work of the area is growing and the building of a place of worship is scheduled to take place in Cucui next summer. The bond between the people of this region and our team members is of a nature mere words cannot adequately describe. God has created a bond that no human power is capable of.



The group from **Mountain Home & Jonesboro, Arkansas** together with **Tulsa, Oklahoma** continued the ministry established last year by one of our Kentucky teams to the Wai-Wai Indian Nation on the Upper Trombetas River where we were able to minister to a people group long isolated from the world as we know it. During this trip, we were able to search new waters in preparation for our team from Murray, Kentucky this December.



Arkadelphia, Arkansas returned to the Canuma River, ministering to the Capital City of Kwata and beyond in the Mundurucu Nation. This region is vast and communities are separated by many hours of travel. We are grateful to have several teams willing to share in this ministry to be able to reach different locations as water permits during the seasons of the year.

The Satere-Maue Indian Nation was revisited by our team from **Orlando, Florida** for the 9th consecutive year. This time, our team followed God's leadership in introducing informal Bible studies among the Chiefs, Captains and Teachers of the various clans. This was not only well received but numerous villages have requested this type of quiet, intense sharing from the Word. We look forward to how God will lead in this new ministry. These leaders are the gateway to the Nation. If He so chooses, God can use them to open the doors to clans that are still resistant to our presence so that we may minister to their many needs.

Our final trip of the Summer Season was to the Lower Maues River with **Middleburg, Florida**. Along with sister Tereza, we shared in four communities that have been closed to our teams for many decades. God has used this team from Florida to partner with Tereza in patiently, persistently sharing and giving as God leads. Informal Bible studies were held in each village, along with medical and VBS, yielding many changed lives and opened doors to other places that have feared our approach. It is truly awesome to go as God leads and to watch as He works in the hardest of hearts, where no mere man can have an effect.

2008 Statistics

In our daily activities in service to God and those to whom He led to cross our path, He was gracious to show a bit of the resulting effect we may have had among the people of the Valley this year. Some of the

tangible blessings included 134 public professions of faith; 18 baptisms; 4,134 patients treated; 14,002 prescriptions provided; 1,199 teeth extracted; 4,896 total VBS attendance (70 average per session); One fresh water well was drilled along with 21 building projects completed in 16 villages; 980 Bibles were distributed, individually, in 25 communities.

AMOR Pastors



Pastor Geziel, for the past 14 years, has worked with us on the Lower Trombetas River. He oversees churches in, Batata, Carimu, Salgado and Castanha as well as numerous preaching points on the lakes and tributaries of the region. His vessel is the AMOR/Evie.



Pastor Braghina, aboard the AMOR/Cesar, ministers to the Upper Trombetas River from the community of Tapagem, north to near the Guiana boarder where he is establishing new work and encouraging existing work among the Wai-Wai Indian Nation. Braghina is in his 4th year of ministry with AMOR.

Pastor Ronaldo and his family minister in Lower Lago Preto. His ministry there is limited to gospel. Public, evangelical region. Even with these churches have been come to know the Lord as their aboard the AMOR/Blough for



family minister in Lower Lago Preto. invitations to homes to share the meetings are forbidden in this difficulties, three (3) home established and some 200 have Savior. Their home has been three years now.



Pastor Edno and his family live on the AMOR/Tereza, ministering to Lago Preto and the Rivers Urubu and Preto. They have established three (3) churches and many, many preaching points in this region. Edno came to work under the care of AMOR in 2002.

Pastor Moises is a native Satere-Maue Indian and has been ministering and establishing work among his people on the Urupadi and Marau Rivers with AMOR for five years. He lives exclusively aboard the AMOR/Patrice with his wife, two children and a baby they were asked to raise just this year. Moises speaks broken Portuguese and his family speaks none at all. We are blessed to have a part in this indigenous work.



Pastor Abraao and his family minister to the Mundurucu Indian Nation on the Canuma River. Aboard the AMOR/Betty, he travels to the outer limits of the reservation. He has been instrumental in establishing six (6) churches within the Nation along with many preaching points him and his family visit each month. He is one of only two evangelical pastors that are permitted to enter the Mundurucu Nation. Abraao has been partnering with AMOR for 7 years.

Sister Tereza ministers to the Lower Maues River, Limao and Limaozinho. She is a missionary, RN and has been working this region for five years – three (3) of which AMOR has had the privileged to witness. The work is difficult in this area due to denominational oppression. In spite of these challenges, this work is growing rapidly.

Itinerate Pastor Support



AMOR's itinerate Pastors have been called by God to the areas to which they minister. With few exceptions these men, women and their families were encountered right where they are during **AMOR** exploratory trips to reach rivers and lake regions. **AMOR** has endeavored to partner with lay-pastors that are already ministering and are in need of support, both financially and in fellowship.



We are not their employer nor do we question what they feel is the proper method of minister to their respective regions. These are individuals set apart by God to reach their own with the gifts and talents He has provided. **AMOR** is honored to share in their journeys.

AMOR provides each of these pastors with a vessel on which to live as they explore new rivers, establishing new work. These vessels are provided via contributions from individuals and churches here at home. Our fleet is now aged and in need of replacement. The cost of maintenance has become high and continuous.

Of the US\$ 93,600.00 **AMOR** provides to support these pastors with salaries, pastoral support and training, through the twice-yearly **River Bank Bible Institute (RBBI)**, only US\$ 42,000.00 is currently funded through individuals and churches here at home. This leaves a **US\$ 51,600.00** deficit each year which we must try and overcome through trip revenues or reduced support to these ministers.

Without these pastors doing the groundwork and staying behind to do the follow-up and discipleship in the **Valley**, our ministry would be seriously lacking and of little consequence in this vast region of the world in great need. **AMOR** ministers to the ministries of these called of Him. Although commitments for support of these pastors is made yearly by many here at home, few follow through. It is our **priority, hope and prayer** that this tremendous need be met by the faithful who feel led to do so.

To those able to pray, we ask that you pray. To those able to **give**, we ask that you give generously. To those able to **go**, we ask that you go. To those **unable to do any of the later**, let us know and we will pray diligently for you! Most all of us are able to do most any of the three...