

Ladies Ministries *by Christie Bouthillier*

Working with people, in general, is both rewarding and challenging. It is wonderful to hear testimonies of what God has and is doing in their lives. The challenge comes in modeling, and encouraging people to make Biblical decisions. We can give godly advice and model a godly life, but each person ultimately makes their own choices.

A couple of weeks ago, I shared at our weekly women's meeting about wisdom (Proverbs chapter 8). As I opened up a time of sharing during the study, I was surprised to hear, from various women, how they made up stories or told lies often,



especially to their young kids. I encouraged them to speak truthfully (Proverbs 8:6-8) and call on God for wisdom in situations where they don't know how to respond (James 1:5) It is all about becoming more like Jesus in our actions and our attitudes, realizing where we fall short, and seeking God to help us in our weaknesses.



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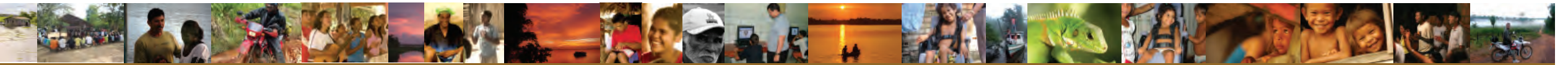
The Kubacki Family Look to Angola

I remember meeting Tim, Betsy and the kids in Belem to help them register with the Federal Police upon arrival. Their kids were just that - kids. Hard to believe it was the same family standing at the dock in Porto de Moz awaiting the barge for Belem. Luke is now a man getting ready to start University and Ben dwarfs me. Ellie and Meredith are both young ladies now. It has been more than five years since they came to the Xingu, yet the impact they have made in those five years will last an eternity. Rarely did Tim miss an opportunity to be on the river and serve the poor, while Betsy coordinated teams and ran the office. As the barge pulled away there was not a dry eye in the crowd. Almost daily people tell me how the Kubacki's touched their lives in one way or another, my family included. For the last year the Kubackis have felt their heart strings being tugged towards Angola. While being based in a city and being able to train nationals at a hospital, Tim will be making frequent trips to the remote people groups of the region. Many of

these groups have not been met with the gospel and have no Christian witness. To be sure, I am over simplifying the work they will be doing, so be sure to stay in contact with them and follow Tim's blog at <http://kubacki6.wordpress.com> Over the years we have talked about one day being able to see Brazilian nationals go out as missionaries to other Portuguese speaking countries. It will be very interesting to see how things develop over the next few years. One thing for sure, we will really miss the Kubacki's.



Please keep the Kubacki's in your prayers



ETHOS

This year we are really excited to partner with the ETHOS program from the University of Dayton. ETHOS stands for Engineers in Technical Humanitarian Opportunities of Service Learning. Each year, ETHOS sends engineering students on a mission to various locations across the globe. ETHOS students endeavor to apply and implement technologies in a local context. Michael and Phil arrived in Porto de Moz roughly a month ago. Within days of arriving they were able to begin building a solar oven while planning out a strategy for building solar panels. Last week they were able to take their solar cooker on a tour, visiting a couple communities on the Xingu River. After a little bit of spearfishing, the solar oven cooked a couple of Peacock Bass exquisitely. It was fun to watch the response of the locals. Comments varied, but most



Solar Oven



Building Solar Panels

were surprised by the heat generated and many wanted to know how they can get their hands on one. Many families on the river still cook with wood and charcoal, while some of the more privileged use propane. The solar cooker seems like it may be a viable option for saving money while it is also environmentally friendly. These last several weeks we began building solar panels together with Dr. Komp from Maine Solar. We are particularly interested in working towards the development of a cottage industry to help support Pastors and leaders who work in rural areas. This project should prove to be a great opportunity to improve the lives of people who live in rural areas while at the same time utilizing a renewable resource. As we grow up as a base it is important that we not only develop regional leadership but also help develop strategies to see these leaders empowered in a way that they can effectively live amongst their peers in remote areas.

Kingdom Partners



Delivering water filters to houses along the river

One thing is for sure - the mission was not built by just a handful of missionaries. Over the years God has sent numerous individuals, church teams and groups to help. The one thing that they have in common is that they have all come together as partners of the Kingdom work that God is doing here in Brazil. One work that has been carried for several years by our "partners" is our bio-sand water filter project. While the Amazon basin is abundant with water, most of it is not potable. Through our Agua Limpa (Clean Water) project, thousands of families have been given the gift of clean water. Through our contact many people have come to know Jesus as their Lord, and many people have been discipled. This past year we went through some hard moments. Just before Christmas last year our office was robbed and the thieves made off with a significant amount of money that put our project in a difficult place. At the eleventh

hour when it seemed we would need to close things down, the Lord provided. God provided through our partners - faithful individuals from the U.S. and Canada, young adults groups, church congregations and our friends at Thirst Relief International. www.thirstrelief.org Giving clean water may seem insignificant but I can testify that through this partnership many people have been touched, prayed for, ministered to and saved. We still need partners for this project. Donations can be made through the Xingu mission website or through ThirstRelief's website. Just specify Brazil. Thank you for being a partner and please know that you are making a difference.



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