

Things You Want To Know



*Amazon Outreach*

# MISSION HANDBOOK

Until All Have Heard





# TABLE OF CONTENTS

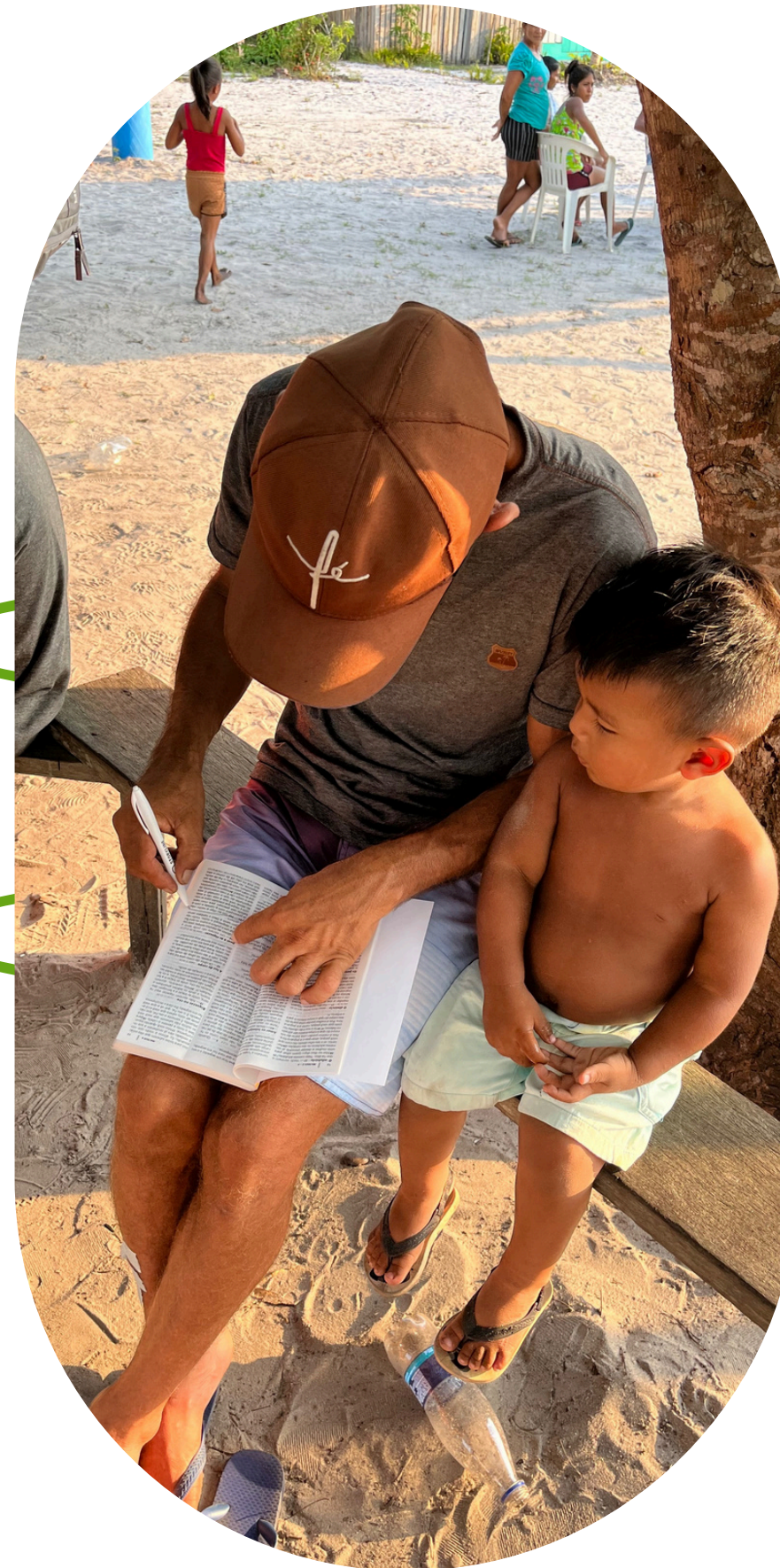


INTRODUCTION	03
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS	07
FOOD AND ACCOMMODATIONS	09
WHAT DO I WEAR	15
WHAT DO I PACK	16

ATYPICAL DAY	17
FINANCIAL SUPPORT	18
	18
	05

# INTRODUCTION

Even with all the Lord has done so far through Amazon Outreach, the last 25 years, we have only scratched the surface. Over 7 million Rebineros are on the river, and only 10 percent are evangelized. We want to do so much more, and many will want to invest in this great work. We are excited you are interested and wish you **JUMP ABOARD!**





# WHERE WILL WE GO

Indigenous people who have been neglected by civilization inhabit the Amazon. They call themselves “the forgotten people.” The river is the only highway, and the boat is the only transportation. The state of Amazonas has few major roads or highways, mainly through river transportation. This is also where over 1,000 tributaries come together to form the Amazon River. And it is in these rivers where our mission trips take place.





# WHY WE GO

Amazon Outreach mobilizes short-term mission teams from churches and schools throughout the U.S. to the Amazon River in Brazil. We provide much-needed medical, dental, and optical care and drill water wells for villagers along the river. We found that meeting physical and relational needs builds a powerful bridge for sharing the gospel. This relationship allows our Brazilian church partners to return to the villages to continue ministry and discipleship. Our church partners' ministries extend approximately 400 miles up and down the Amazon River.



# IS THIS TRIP FOR ME

## *Amazon Outreach*



When considering a mission trip, one of the first questions everyone asks is, “Should I go?” The hardest part of the mission adventure can be taking that first step and deciding to go. Inevitably, doubts and possible reasons for not going will appear. Common concerns can include vacation time conflicts, uncertainties about leaving family members behind, not being able to teach or have done ministry before, not knowing what to expect or how you can be used on the trip, not having ever traveled outside of the country, not having financial support and much more. Take heart! These are all normal and very valid concerns. Just remember that what seems impossible with man is possible with God! If you are meant to participate in this mission trip, nothing you do or don’t do will stop you from going. God’s strength is perfected in our weakness. God does not ask that we be able; we are just available. He will open every door and take care of your every need. As you begin stepping out in faith, having the desire and passion to see the world come to Christ, the Holy Spirit will confirm that this is for you.

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



▶ What is the cost

Your trip price will vary based on airfare but capped at \$3570. This covers airfare, food, lodging, transportation, medical/life travel insurance, and laundry. It does not cover personal items such as passports, visas, vaccines, airport meals, or tips.

▶ How do I register

Contact Brenda Holmes at [bholmes@amazonoutreach.org](mailto:bholmes@amazonoutreach.org) to JUMP ON BOARDone of our scheduled trips.

▶ Can children go

Youth are encouraged to participate in the trip; however, they must be at least 12 years of age. So that you know, exceptions to the age requirement are possible. It is solely at the discretion of the trip leader

▶ What do I wear

Christians in Brazil are very conservative, and we want to be respectful of their culture with our actions and our dress. Team Training will provide examples.

# MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



▶ What do I pack

You will take three (3) clothing changes plus an outfit for the evening services. The laundry will be done daily, so there is no need to bring more than a three-day supply of changes. Don't take anything you would mind losing or leaving behind.

▶ How do I pack

Pack in a carry-on bag. Preferably a roller bag. Jewelry, with the exception of watches, conservative wedding rings, and small earrings need to be left at home. We don't want to stereotype the image of wealthy Americans.

▶ What do I collect

Every trip member is asked to collect supplies/donations that are needed. A list of needed supplies is located under **IMPORTANT TEAM DOCUMENTS** in Managed Missions. You will receive a link for MM once you sign up for your trip.

▶ Can I use my cell phone

You and your team members can detach from any distractions from home and focus on God and His plans for the trip. Therefore, cell phone use is strongly discouraged while on the trip. Many areas where we do ministry do not have cell service.





# WHERE WILL I STAY AND SLEEP



## ON OUR THREE-STORY RIVER BOAT

God has blessed Amazon Outreach with two beautiful Brazilian riverboats, the Linda Esperança (Beautiful Hope) and the Amor e Esperança (Love & Hope). One of these boats will be your home during the trip. Both boats are open-air boats (all decks open) and have been beautifully designed with Brazilian wood.



## THE MOST RESTFUL SLEEP OF YOUR LIFE

A hammock will be provided for you to sleep in. Most previous trip members say that sleeping in these hammocks on the boat is the most comfortable and restful sleep they have ever experienced. Blankets are provided.

# WHAT IS THE FOOD LIKE



**A Brazilian cooking crew, which is part of the boat crew, prepares all meals.**



**All meals are Brazilian in nature and flavor and are eaten on the boat.**



**The food onboard is fabulous and the filtered water is safe to drink**



# MEAL TIME

What do we eat



# STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?





Our “Wash Lady” will do your laundry every day. You will put your dirty clothing in a laundry tub, which will be washed, dried, and put into designated areas ready for pick up, usually by the next day.

There are several bathrooms on the boat and several inside and outdoor showers (a bathing suit is required when showering on the back of the boat).



The average daytime temperature can go up to the mid-90s, though there is much variability, and cool days (mid to upper 80s) are common. Nighttime lows are generally in the mid-'70s to high 60's. Bringing a light sweatshirt to sleep in is a good idea.



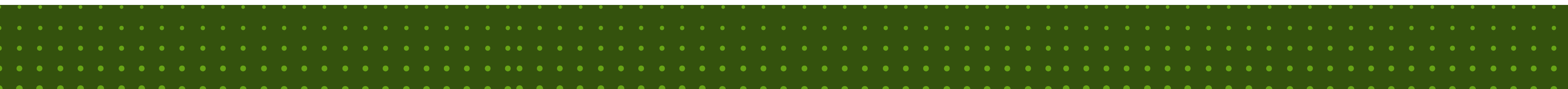
# WHAT TYPE OF CLOTHES DO I WEAR



Ladies and Girls should wear comfortable shorts, pants, and T-shirts during the day. For the evening services, dresses or skirts. Bathing suits must be one piece for showers on the back of the boat. Shorts should be mid-thigh length or longer. Low-cut tank tops, tight-fitting tops, or tops with spaghetti straps are not appropriate. Tops or T-shirts must cover the entire midriff area no matter your position (bending over or reaching up).



Men and Boys should wear comfortable shorts or pants and T-shirts during the day and long pants or cargo shorts for the evening services. A shirt must be worn at all times. Shorts should be mid-thigh length or longer. A swimsuit must be worn for showering on the back of the boat.





# HOW MANY OUTFITS DO I TAKE

You will take three (3) changes of clothing plus an outfit for the evening services. The laundry will be done daily, so there is no need to bring more than a three-day supply of changes. Don't take anything you would mind losing or leaving behind.

# HOW DO I PACK

Pack in a carry-on bag. Preferably a roller bag. For details, see the Personal Packing, which you will find in Managed Missions once you register for a trip.

# TEAM TRAINING WILL...



Provide detailed information



Show you examples



Give you a packing list





# A “TYPICAL” DAY

Every day on the Amazon starts with an early morning breakfast, a morning meeting, worship & praise time, and prayer. Each day, teams break up into prayer groups before going out to do ministry. Lunch and dinner are served back on the boat while some of the team members help feed the villagers. At lunchtime, there are usually a few hours to relax before returning to the ministry sites. Usually, there is an afternoon or evening church service in the town or village where the team works and the group attends. This is an incredible time of worship as Americans and Brazilians worship God together. Most days end back on the boat in a time of worship & praise and sharing each other’s daily experiences.

Ministry on the Amazon consists of many different facets. The Medical ministry treats various illnesses and medical conditions. Surgeons perform life-changing surgeries. Eyeglasses are given out that provide vision for the first time for many. Dentists pull badly diseased teeth. Mothers are given proper pre-natal & post-natal care. Babies, children, and families are given vitamins, toothbrushes, and basic hygiene products and instructions.

There are numerous ministries you can serve with that need no prior experience. These ministry teams include Vacation Bible School, Women’s Ministry, Men’s Ministry, Youth Ministry, Construction, Hair Ministry, Soccer Ministry, and, of course, Evangelism.

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

18

Your commitment to this trip may be recent, but God has known about it all along. Trust Him; He has it all figured out. Once you see it, you will be overwhelmed by HIS power and provision. God will make the provision for you to participate in this trip in all areas of your life, including the financial aspect.



## How Do I Raise Support

Most team members write a support letter to send to family and friends to gain a team of supporters. You may choose to email the letters and/or mail letters. Always include the link to your Public Profile Page for online donations. You may also provide a service to earn financial support or have a fundraising event.

More information and examples will be found in your Managed Missions Account. You will get a link after you register for a trip.



# QUESTION AND ANSWER



**When you attend your introductory Amazon Meeting, you will have the opportunity to have all of your questions answered.**

**It's Time To Jump Aboard.**

**Your One Decision Away From A Totally Different Life**

