

-From the President's Desk

Dear friends and family of Amazon Salt and Light,

It's my joy and honor to share eyewitness testimony that God continues to move in the Amazon Basin along the Madeira River. This September, after more than two years away, I was again able to visit some of our *Amazon Salt and Light* (ASL) team and their communities. My daughter Maggie and I were privileged to meet Brazilian pastors of our church partners in Sao Paulo and Porto Velho coming and going and we were blessed to travel, minister and worship with our brothers and sisters in river communities near Humita.

Thank you for your past and ongoing support. You may recall that our team moved to and started ministering along the Madeira River in early 2019. Today, we have 48 small groups meeting in 34 river communities. I continue to be amazed at the gospel hunger we observe there and at the physical, relational, and spiritual struggles we experience. This year has been especially challenging for our missionaries. Like Paul, we can cry that there has been *"fighting without and fears within"* and with Paul, we can also testify *"but God... comforts the downcast"* (2 Cor 7:5-6).

On this trip, I was blessed to sit at Ronildo's table one morning for coffee and bread. I'd guess Ronildo to be about my age. He's married with two kids and now leads a small group in Bible study, prayer and worship. Only two years ago, Ronildo was far from Christ before hearing and witnessing the Gospel through ASL missionaries. He told me of a recent challenge in his life and of his decision to pour and set a literal cup of coffee at his table for Jesus every morning. He testified that recognizing Christ's reality and presence gave him peace and direction as he studied God's Word. I know that someday Ronildo and I will physically eat and drink with Jesus at Christ's table because we believed the powerful life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ that was shared with us.

Oh that many more would hear and respond... but, *"how then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent"* (Rom 10:14-15)? The work is hard but souls are coming to Christ. We're mentoring and training our young brothers and sisters in expectation that God will call and send some of them into further communities where the fields are ready for harvest.

I've included a chart which illustrates the vast majority of our expenses are in transportation. Distances, physical limitations, and spiritual obstruction make the work prohibitive but we are trusting that God has called us here and that working through His church, He will continue to provide the financial resources needed to advance His kingdom in the Amazon Basin!

In 2022, our desire and prayer is to start small groups in 28 more communities. Brazilian missionaries have already made the initial visit to these villages and the doors are open; however, we need three additional missionaries and the required transportation for them to visit these on a weekly basis and begin teaching the Gospel. Will you pray about investing in this project?

Thanks again for your continued prayers and financial support for Amazon Salt and Light. For God's glory and the furtherance of His Kingdom!

Andy Kaufmann



Expenditures 2020 - 2021YTD

- Transportation (Fuel, Maint)
- Missionary / Pastoral
- Admin / General
- Asset (boat, airplane, etc)

