

The Steidingers *Matt, Janelle, Mariah, Jaelah, Luke, Sierra*

~~ Serving with **AMAZON SALT AND LIGHT** ~~ Summer 2022



The last weekend in July was a busy one! Eight *Amazon Salt and Light* couples (both full time and volunteer) traveled into Humaitá from the river communities where they live and share the gospel. Along with members of our church here in town, they participated in a four day seminar on inner healing and liberation. (**above pic**) This region is still influenced by tribal religions that involve black magic, and while the need for liberation from demon possession/manifestation isn't unheard of, this seminar focused on looking at our past to discover and find freedom from roots of rejection, abandonment, etc that affect our adult lives. Mapping family relationships helps understand how they affect our behavior in all other relationships in our lives. The goal was to learn how to resolve these problematic roots in order for each of these missionaries/leaders to move forward spiritually and emotionally healthier. This training/understanding also will be a blessing in the future as they minister to and disciple others. No statistics available, but the amount of family dysfunction and abuse (verbal, physical, childhood sexual) we encounter is staggering and overwhelming at times.

Mariah and Jaelah were here to visit for a couple months over their summer break. Mariah headed back to the US in late June to get some work experience as a CNA. She's been working part time at a nursing home and an assisted living facility in Gibson City, IL and is staying with Janelle's parents until heading back to Indiana for school the end of August. Jaelah stayed here in Brazil a few weeks longer and in mid-July headed back to her job at Chick fil A. She is looking forward to apartment life with a couple other college girls this year and will continue at Heartland Comm. College in Bloomington (IL). Before Jaelah's return to the states she took a trip with her dad to Manicoré by plane. From there they and a group of Brazilian missionaries traveled another two hours by speedboat to the next municipality, Novo Aripuanã. While in that area the group traveled to two smaller rivers that flow into the Madeira River and visited various communities that do not yet have an evangelical church. Our goal is to obey the Great Commission to *go and make disciples* so we continue to pray, prepare and plan for areas where the mission, working with the local church, can expand into remote areas.

Right pic: June 28 was quite a day for the Aviation department at *Amazon Salt and Light*! Over two years ago, Matt had an engine out and subsequent hard landing with our amphibious aircraft and it has since been grounded for repairs. Thankful for all the donations, advice, helping hands, and prayers as the first post-incident flight was finally conducted. A few adjustments were needed, but overall everything went extremely well! Our ultimate goal is to have it back on floats—waiting on some float parts from the US, and more paperwork in order to fly farther from the airport.





1-We took advantage of Mariah and Jaelah being on summer break and took a family vacation- Luke having fun on a four-wheeler 2-Matt got tired of the plane getting stuck in the mud during the rainy season so we finally poured an approach to the hangar 3-Jaelah getting a "taxi" 4-Matt was honored to preach at our partner church in Porto Velho 5-Mariah and Jaelah also had fun on the four-wheeler! 6-Jaelah and Matt took a trip to Manicore 7-Luke's newest project-he wants to raise and sell rabbits. A church member donated a chicken coop to him so he spent some time modifying it. 8-A dog has been pretty much Sierra's only request for her last several birthdays.... her dream came true!

PRAISE and PRAYER:

- Praise that the Bearhawk is back in the air!
- Praise that the girls both made it back to the US safely amidst the mess of international travel (although Mariah's trip did take 4 days instead of just 1!)
- Prayer requested for wisdom in leadership and planning for the future in accord with the Lord's will.

Sustained by your prayer and financial support,

Matt, Janelle, Mariah, Jaelah, Luke and Sierra

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