

# The Steidingers

Matt, Janelle, Mariah, Jaelah, Luke, Sierra

~ Serving with AMAZON SALT AND LIGHT ~Summer 2025



## TWO BY LAND, ONE BY SEA ☺....thankful for our fleet (above pic)

With three aircraft, it's not hard to believe that 2025 has been our busiest flying year ever. Excited that the new pilot, Steven, is in language school and plans to join us in early 2026. He will eventually be stationed at our new base in Itacoatiara. Since January, Pastor Andre (the Brazilian base leader / pastor) had been traveling there for a few weeks at a time as he waited for his family to move. Last month his family arrived, along with a large mission group from their church. They spent a week visiting local communities and served in Itacoatiara the last few days. Thankful for the Brazilian church that has embraced this vision and when this team left, they had started 8 small groups!

A few hours from Itacoatiara, Enrique and Juliana also began their ministry (top right) in the town of Silves. They are first generation Christians and the first Brazilian missionaries to be sent by *Amazon Salt and Light (ASL)*! We let them settle in for a few weeks, and then late last month Matt met up with another ASL missionary and they spent the day visiting the surrounding communities. Their goal is to start small groups in the town they live in (and eventually a church) while also visiting and starting small groups in the many villages close to Silves. The work in Maués (page 2) is much closer to Itacoatiara than Humaitá so between the ASL missionaries around Itacoatiara and the expected growth in Maués, there will be plenty of flying to do when the plane and pilot get there in late 2026!



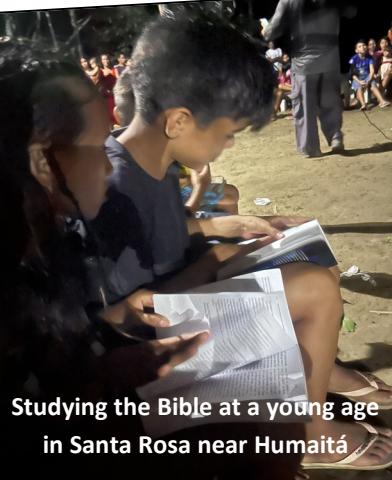
Enrique, Juliana and family



Andre and Paula



Matt continues to tweak things on the Bearhawk 5. Still waiting on the documents.



Studying the Bible at a young age in Santa Rosa near Humaitá



Sierra at her favorite job....not! Helping to organize the hangar



A fisherman in the community, Maçarico, near Maués

## "FARTHER, FASTER"

The vision of *Amazon Salt and Light* (ASL) is to partner with local Brazilian churches who have a vision to reach the thousands of villages scattered along the tributaries of the Amazon River. Last year Matt visited one of these potential partnerships located in the city of Maués, almost 500 miles from Humaitá.

After three days of traveling up

and down the rivers and better understanding the challenges, ASL sent a new motor and a new speedboat. Matt was able to spend a couple days in this area last month and witnessed firsthand how God is working and how the additional transportation is helping take the Gospel "FARTHER, FASTER".

In less than a year, this local church has small groups in 13 new communities and plans to start building churches in 7 by the end of this year! After further prayer and conversation, ASL is helping with two more smaller boat motors that will be used by local leaders to reach other nearby communities; visiting, evangelizing and then planting Brazilian-led churches. There are hundreds of communities in this county that do not have an evangelical church. After seeing the excitement and potential of the city church, Matt challenged Pastor Wendell and his team to plant 50 churches in the next five years! To do this, they will need a few more speedboats and LOTS more boat gas. We will be traveling in the US this fall showing our movie, *Finding the Forgotten*! Coming soon to a location near you.....or contact us to set up a showing.



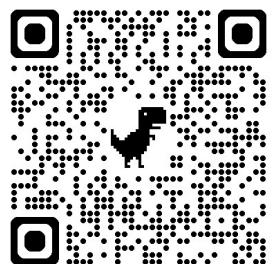
Pastor Wendell, from Maués (white shirt) visiting Maçarico



Presenting a boat motor to the missionary couple on the Maués-Mirim River

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| Sept 14    | St. Paul's Lutheran; Forrest IL    | Nov 5  | Branson MO                        |
| Sept 21    | Christ Community; Gridley IL       | Nov 15 | Apostolic Christian; Alto MI      |
| Sept 24    | Greenville SC                      | Jan 2  | Apostolic Christian; Atlanta GA   |
| Oct 1      | Apostolic Christian; Gridley IL    | Jan 8  | Satin TX                          |
| Oct 11, 12 | New Life; Sterling IL              | Jan 10 | Grace and Truth; West Richland WA |
| Oct 17     | Apostolic Christian; Leo IN        |        |                                   |
| Oct 18     | Goodfield IL                       |        |                                   |
| Oct 19     | Apostolic Chistian; Bloomington IL |        |                                   |
| Oct 25     | Congerville IL                     |        |                                   |
| Oct 30     | ISU Youth Group; Bloomington IL    |        |                                   |
| Oct 31     | Sabetha KS                         |        |                                   |
| Nov 1      | Bern KS                            |        |                                   |

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CODE TO WATCH  
THE TRAILER!



Ever grateful,

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