

BRAZIL HAS NOT BEEN REACHED

THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE OF THE AMAZON

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TEAM AMAZON 2015 "Pastor, we are the forgotten people of the Amazon. Nobody remembers us out here." I realized how true the fisherman's statement was, as we passed by village after village on the banks of the Javari River, where any kind of Gospel preaching church is rare. In September, the Lord allowed us to travel with a twelve-man team. During the week, we traveled through the jungles and river tributaries of the Amazon by boat and on foot. We faced several obstacles, such as, our boat springing a leak and being dry-docked the week before our trip. In spite of the obstacles, we witnessed God work in an amazing way in the different fishing villages, most of which are without a true Gospel witness.

Our main boat was dry-docked for repairs the week of the trip. Therefore, we were forced to downsize considerably.



Main boat



Plan B-boat

THE PEOPLE of the Javari Valley are made up of "ribeirinhos", or fishing villages, where people live far removed from modern society. Along with these are 27 indigenous tribes, of which 10 are uncontacted groups. These tribes generally live within the Javari Valley away from the main river tributaries. We were able to hold medical clinics and evangelistic services in three of these villages. In one village, we had over 150 people pack into the village schoolhouse to hear the gospel message. In that service, some fifteen adults professed faith in Christ. These small villages



Doctor Heichen sees a patient

provide a bridge between the civilized world and the uncontacted tribes. As word spreads of the clinic, the people come from distances within the bush bringing their sick. We attended to many needs; such as, malaria, snake bites, skin rashes, piranha wounds, but all with one great need, the Lord Jesus Christ. Every clinic is followed by a service where the gospel is clearly presented and every patient receives a portion of God's word to take home.

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THE PLACE of the greatest need is often the most difficult to gain access. Amazon's **Javari Valley** holds the largest concentration of uncontacted people anywhere on earth. On this trip we traveled 544 km up the Javari River, bordering Peru and Brazil. The provision of medical care opens up the door in areas otherwise left closed to the Gospel message.

MAPA DO DSEI/JAVARI 2007



Javari Valley holds the largest concentration of uncontacted tribes anywhere on earth. The crossed arrows indicate where isolated tribes have been sighted.

THE PURPOSE of our team is to reach those who otherwise would not have access to the gospel of Christ. "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:" (Rm.15:20) On this trip we made an impact in the following ways: We distributed 4,200 gospel tracts, 440 Gospel message CD's and over 200 Bibles; we reached 4 fishing villages in the Javari Valley; 364 people were treated in medical clinics; 21 people received Christ as personal Savior. The med-clinics are the key by which God has opened the door to preach the gospel in this region closed to outsiders. We have seen God use the clinics as a catalyst to establish churches among fishing villages, in otherwise inaccessible areas. The Palmari village, which we visited first in 2010 and again on this trip, now has a Baptist church. Missionary, Jon Hernandez, continues to preach there monthly and follow up the new converts, much like a circuit riding preacher. This village is within walking distance of two other villages and has the only Bible preaching church of any kind. All along the way, while navigating through river tributaries and jungle trails, in village after village we were met with the same receptive hearts waiting and ready to receive the Gospel message.

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