Building Churches in the Amazon!

Are you looking for a short-term missionary experience? Would you like to serve a precious people through ministry both practical and spiritual? Are you willing to work hard, sweat, and perhaps step outside of your comfort zone in order to bring a blessing to the village folk of the Amazon? If so, then Project AmaZon (PAZ) has just the thing for you! Come help us build churches in the Amazon!

The Amazon basin is a vast, sparsely populated area roughly the size of the continental US. Deep jungle, yearly flooding, and lack of infrastructure make regional transportation difficult. Among the 40,000 or so towns and villages scattered throughout Amazon basin are an estimated 30,000 communities that are without a single evangelical church in their midst.

Largely forgotten by their government and the society at large, the people of these communities are a humble and simple folk, yet dignified, gracious and welcoming. It is PAZ’s vision to reach these precious people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

PAZ strategies for bringing the Gospel to a community include evangelistic outreach, small group meetings, and one-to-one discipleship, often coupled with social assistance such as medical and dental care and water sanitation programs. Early converts inevitably begin winning their own friends and family, and soon the local Body of Christ outgrows the homes it had been meeting in. A church building, of a size and type appropriate to the setting, provides the local believers with a comfortable and secure place to worship and makes a statement to the whole community that the Body of Christ is here to stay!

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Being a part of a church construction team is rewarding in many ways. It is an amazing cultural experience as you work alongside of and minister to the Brazilians in your target community. It is adventure as you travel to remote places. It is team work and unity as you and your group labor together. It is accomplishment as you see the physical and spiritual fruit of your labors. It is the joy of knowing that you have made a lasting contribution to the advancement of God’s kingdom. No special skills are needed - we can find a job for everyone!
**OK, I’m convinced!** How do I make this happen?

PAZ has staff that are trained and dedicated to make your stay in Brazil a positive one. Our Visiting Team Coordinators (VTCs) will help you plan your trip, provide in-country lodging, food, and local transportation, arrange your work/ministry assignment, and accompany your team the entire time. Besides work and ministry, recreational and sightseeing experiences are typically included.

Some things you will need:

- Building skills - NOT! We can find a job for everyone.
- Valid passport
- Tourist visa to Brazil
- Plane tickets
- Signed liability waiver
- Team of 5 to 10 people (typically)
- Designated team leader

For more information and to begin planning your trip to the Amazon, contact us at:

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Inauguration of a new river church