
IRVING NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

November 4, 2011

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. I Cor. 9:24

We plan to visit all the houses in Lábrea where there are Indians living. The purpose is two-fold. We will do a census, counting the number of Indians who are living within the city of Labrea and also each family we visit will fill out a questionnaire answering questions about living conditions, alcohol abuse, educational needs and the reasons why they left their villages among others. The exodus of Indians and people that live along the edge of major rivers to cities like Lábrea is a huge migration and the numbers continue to increase. The social services of the towns and cities are becoming overwhelmed. Our hope and prayer is that through this questionnaire the authorities will take reasonable measures and improve living conditions of the neediest groups living in the city of Lábrea.

We continue to periodically visit the Jarawara village and encourage the believers and to do necessary work. Our last visit was in July. We worked with a volunteer team, some of whom are interested in being missionary pilots as a career, cutting back the jungle that had threatened to overgrow parts of the airstrip. After the team left, Fran, Robert, and Alice joined me in the village, which was our first time together as a family in the village in quite a while. We also did necessary repairs on our house in the village replacing one-half of the roof supports badly damaged by termites and we encouraged the Água Branca believers as we participated in church services.



Fran and the children arrive in the village



A Labrea youth group meeting

Here in Labrea, we are working, directing a youth group in a local church because of the tremendous need for mature Christian workers. Almost every week, Fran also directs a women's bible study. And we continue to help the Jarawara, whenever there is a need. Fran many times has accompanied Indian patients on doctors' visits advocating making sure that an older Jarawara woman was correctly diagnosed and treated for tuberculosis. Fran and I both help Jarawara with using an ATM card and solving social security related problems.

A large part of our time in the mornings is spent with Robert and Alice's home schooling. It's a huge responsibility, but we enjoy observing their improvement and development.



David sharing in the Jarawara Church

In June 2012, we plan to travel to the United States in preparation for Robert to start college in August of the same year.

This is a huge faith challenge for us as a family. College is very expensive. Because of this we are also believing God will provide all the financial aid Robert will need, along with a place for us to live and a vehicle for our transportation.

We plan to stay one year until Robert gets established in the U.S. and in college. Then we plan to return to Brazil and most probably to Lábrea.

Our first immediate need is \$4,000.00(four thousand) to pay for our tickets to the States. Lord willing we will be able to purchase the tickets by December of this year.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For us to have all the \$4,000.00 for our tickets by December of this year.
- For the Lord to provide all the financial resources for Robert to attend college.
- For God to provide a place for us to live while we're in the States.
- For provision of a vehicle.
- Pray for our health and protection as we work in Lábrea.
- Pray for a team of five professionals that will come from the UK and spend a week here with us in Lábrea sharing in educational institutions, and doing volunteer work.

Please send donations for our tickets to:

**Robert Irving
18309 College Road
Hagerstown MD 21740**

Please, specify on check that donation is for our tickets.



Ready for our trip down the river to Labrea

Thank you for your prayers and support; we wish you a Blessed Christmas.

David, Fran, Robert and Alice

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