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We are so thankful for your love and care for us here, in the mission field.

Sometimes it seems that it is more than we can handle, but God is our strength and he is the one who tells us: "They can give up, you cannot." These words are from a preacher who preached about Timothy. And as we know, he was not an expert missionary, but God chose him to do his work.

Here in the Amazon, we had a trip in January at the start of the season. Our hearts are full of gratitude because we could bring medical and dental care, medicines, VBS, and the gospel door to door along the Amazon. We go to their houses and we talk to them and share life, preach the gospel, and love one another.

Empowering Pastors

Thiago went to a pastor conference and had a great experience with a pastor who said: "I don't know how to preach." He began to cry, as did Thiago. João, the pastor, was so heartbroken. His words were: "I don't know how to preach", but his thirst for knowledge was immense. John, like John the Baptist, is great in the kingdom of heaven, his heart will be heavy because he surrenders his entire life to Christ.

Spring Break Trips on the Amazon

We also had seven trips during Spring Break, it was a unique experience to have three boats traveling at the same time with high school students. But the Lord was kind and everything worked out for the best, after all, God had already prepared the hearts of both Americans and Brazilians. Transforming lives on two continents is the call of our mission that we are partners in, and this is what we have seen.

On Spring break we focused on this verse: "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners." Isaiah 61:1-3

We are so happy to count the blessings! God is good, the fields are ripe and by the grace of God, we can fulfill the mission.



SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS

-  **845 Medical appointments**
-  **196 Dental appointments**
-  **490 Women's ministry**
-  **245 Men's ministry**
-  **965 Kids on VBS**
-  **11 Services**
-  **2 Water wells drilled**

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Lia's health is better every day. She needs to go to Curitiba, south of Brazil, every six months to check her implant and pacemaker. But the pains are lessening every day.

In the love of Christ,
Lia and Thiago Dantas
RCA missionaries