



Amazon Outreach
Transforming Lives On Two Continents

Frequently Asked Questions

Our passion is for...



THE VILLAGES (EARTH) WILL BE FILLED WITH THE
KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD AS
THE WATERS COVER THE AMAZON (SEA)
(HAB. 2:14 AOV PARAPHRASE).

According to the Joshua Project, the evangelical presence among the 7 million Ribeirinhos (River People) in the Amazon River Basin is only 9.8%. However, God is moving in the state of Amazonas, Brazil. Evangelical Christianity has grown to 17.5% among the state's 7,600+ river villages. Even more encouraging, growth is projected to reach 50% over the next decade.

We are one of the few ministries mobilizing the American church to engage with the Amazon. Over the past twenty-five years, we've been honored to mobilize over 400 teams consisting of more than 8,000 volunteers, ministering to over 300,000 villagers and drilling 230 water wells. However, we've only scratched the surface, and we invite you to join us in this movement of God in the Amazon River Basin.

WHAT WE DO

- Amazon Outreach mobilizes short-term mission teams to support Brazilian churches in making disciples by sharing the love of Jesus throughout the Amazon River Basin. We employ Jesus' holistic approach, which addresses physical, relational, and spiritual needs simultaneously. We meet physical needs through medical, dental, and vision services and provide clean, safe drinking water. We also address relational needs through ministries focused on men, women, children, and sports. By meeting physical and relational needs, we create a powerful bridge for the gospel.



PEOPLE WILL NOT BELIEVE THE WORDS OF YOUR MOUTH
UNTIL THEY FEEL THE TOUCH OF YOUR HANDS.
DR. RICHARD WALKER, MISSIONARY TO BRAZIL

WHY WE GO?

- The people along the Amazon refer to themselves as "The Forgotten People." These humble Ribeirinhos (River People) live in deep material and spiritual poverty.
- Many villages are closed to local missionaries but are very receptive to American teams offering medical, dental, and water services—missionaries often call us "The Crow Bar Ministry." Villagers practice a syncretized religion of Spiritism, Macumba (voodoo), and diluted Christianity, making them open to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- Unfortunately, the vast majority of the population lacks access to the gospel, medical care, and dental services. Most villages do not have access to fresh, clean drinking water, leading to many children dying before the age of five due to water-related illnesses.

THE DILEMMA:

- Because the river is so vast and its levels rise and fall by 40 feet each year, the villages are hard to reach. The Amazon River is vast, and its levels rise and fall by 40 feet each year, making the villages difficult to reach and navigate. Many villages are inaccessible by road, and few organizations, like Amazon Outreach, are ministering to these communities. The fields are ripe for harvest, but the laborers are few.
- We invite you to join us in this critical mission.

IS IT SAFE?

There are inherent risks associated with all international travel. However, over the past 25 years, we have successfully mobilized over 8,000 people, and all have returned safely. Our experienced Brazilian staff, including naval-certified captains, sailors, and cooks, ensures the safety of each trip. For the latest travel advisories, please refer to the State Department's Brazil International Travel Information.

[Brazil International Travel Information](#)

WHAT VACCINATIONS/PRESCRIPTIONS ARE RECOMMENDED?

While no vaccinations are required to enter Brazil, several are recommended by the CDC. These include Hepatitis A and B, Tetanus, Yellow Fever, Typhoid, and a prescription for Malaria.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/brazil>

WHAT IS THE COST?

The trip costs \$1,770 plus airfare and selected extras. Your trip leader will provide specific details for your journey. This price covers airfare, food, lodging, transportation, medical/life travel insurance, and laundry services. However, it does not include personal items such as passports, vaccines, airport meals, or gratuities. We also provide fundraising training and a personal fundraising link for tax-deductible online donations.

ARE VISAS REQUIRED?

As of April 2025, eVisas will be required for entry into Brazil, with a cost of approximately \$80. For more details, please visit our website's resources page and click on the "eVisa" link.

WHAT IS THE AO REFUND POLICY?

Amazon Outreach (AO) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. Tax-deductible donations made to support a trip fee are non-refundable and are not contingent upon a team member's participation in the trip. If a team member needs to withdraw or if a trip is canceled, donations towards their trip will be retained as a trip credit (minus any potential airline penalties and credits) for no less than two years after the original trip date. Expired AO trip credits will be used by AO to further its charitable purposes.

WHAT IS THE AIRLINE'S CANCELED TICKET POLICY?

If an airline ticket has been purchased, the original ticket value will be deducted from the team member's AO trip credit. The airline will retain ownership of the credit (not AO) and it must be redeemed through HighPoint Travel agency for any flight within one year of the original purchase date (not the original travel date). Please note that airline credits may be less than the value of the original ticket due to cancellation penalties. Occasionally, AO can utilize team members' airline credits with an additional name change fee.

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If AO can redeem a team member's airline credit, the value (minus any name change fees) will be applied to the team member's AO trip credit, extending the timeframe to redeem the airline credit by an additional year.

WHERE WILL WE GO?

We will fly into Manaus, Brazil, where a commercial bus will transport the team from the airport to the mission boat (approximately a 30-minute journey). The team will spend the night aboard the boat as it travels toward our first village. Our Brazilian church partners will select the villages we serve.

WHO WILL WE SERVE?

We primarily serve the dedicated indigenous pastors and missionaries working in the Amazon River Basin. In partnership with them, we also support the Ribeirinhos (river people) and Indigenous tribes along the Amazon River.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

Each trip is tailored based on the team's skills and abilities. Activities may include medical, dental, and eyeglass services, as well as Vacation Bible School (VBS), youth ministry, evangelism, water well drilling, and construction projects. We often play soccer to build connections and also creatively use other skills such as hair cutting, nail polishing, hair braiding, photography, and journalism. Our final day typically includes time for tourism and souvenir shopping.

HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN GO?

Each trip requires a minimum of 20 participants and can accommodate up to 32 per boat. This includes everyone from middle schoolers to senior adults. Additionally, 20 to 30 Brazilians will join the team, including missionaries, pastors, translators, sailors, cooks, and laundry staff.

WHERE WILL WE EAT, SLEEP, ETC...?

Our beautiful triple-decker mission boats serve as transportation, accommodations, dining areas, and mission bases. Team members sleep in open-air hammocks, but we also have a few air-conditioned cabins designated as sick bays.

There are plenty of electrical outlets available for CPAP machines and charging phones. Meals are served buffet-style on the boat by naval-certified cooks who can accommodate most dietary restrictions or food allergies. The boats feature five clean single bathrooms with flushing toilets and seven private showers with locking doors. A daily laundry service allows you to pack lightly, so the team can focus on the mission work.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL WEEK ON THE RIVER LOOK LIKE?

While each trip can vary significantly, most follow a typical 10-day itinerary: Day 1: Travel to Manaus and board the boat, set up hammocks, and spend the night as the boat sets sail. Day 2: Arrive at the first village and start ministry. Day 3-8 Village ministry, Day 9 Return to Manaus (souvenir, explore), Day 10 Arrive home.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY IN A VILLAGE LOOK LIKE?

Each trip may differ, but here's a typical schedule: 6am Sunrise (personal devotions encouraged) 7am Breakfast, 8am Devotion/Team Assignments, 9am-12 Village Ministry (medical, dental, eyeglass, VBS, door-to-door evangelism), 12-2pm Lunch, 2-4pm Village Ministry (same as morning plus Men's and Women's ministries), 4pm Worship Service, 5pm Soccer, 6pm Dinner (sunset), 7pm Debrief/Worship (sometimes worship service in the village, if not held earlier) 8pm Free, 10pm Lights Out.

WHEN CAN WE GO?

You can join an existing trip, or schedule a trip for any week of the year that our boats are available (20-person min). Check our trip schedule to join a trip <https://amazonoutreach.org/trips/>

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE LEAVE?

Our Brazilian church partners will continue to follow up with disciple-making, leadership development, and church planting. Our main partners (Central Presbyterian of Manaus and First Baptist Parintins) conduct jungle pastor seminars that train lay pastors in areas such as theology and hygiene. We also seek churches willing to commit to long-term partnerships with our Brazilian partners by adopting a tributary and investing in the development of infrastructure. Examples include yearly trips, participating in jungle seminary training, supporting a river missionary, or building a church in a village.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS:

(1-minute video) A Dream Come True <https://youtu.be/E1TzzOsQuwU>

(1m) Our Mission <https://youtu.be/cVueZx9C7A4>

(1m) Interest Meeting Promo <https://youtu.be/qPTam3fnvsA?si=dxzf84gFFV9Qf2Qz>

(1m) The Gift of Clean, Safe Drinking Water <https://youtu.be/knLL9NiWvUc>

(3m) Amazon Outreach Teams https://youtu.be/yOXtX9Ny0_o

(4m) Why Amazon Outreach <https://youtu.be/oDJQng5wBzw>

(3m) Amazon Outreach Drone View <https://youtu.be/5luExL-nU-Y>

(5m) Until All Have Heard <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olDvIciANg4&list=PLjPeU-2X8bDqB9d4VWZOjvw-wkYXH-Ux>

(3.5m) Boat Tour <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlgRTZE3j2Y>

(7m) Why Go There? https://youtu.be/2xPXWASUD_g?si=-2LQ5_CanJgKOggz

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

AO Mission Handbook <https://amazonoutreach.org/resources/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/amazonoutreach/>

Website <https://amazonoutreach.org/>

Statement of Faith <https://amazonoutreach.org/about/our-statement-of-faith/>

Trip Schedule <https://amazonoutreach.org/join-a-trip/scheduled-trips/>

Corporate Office: THE HOPE CENTER <https://www.thehopecenter.org/media/stories-of-hope>

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