

AO Training Meeting #4

GETTING TO KNOW THE AMAZON

<https://youtu.be/vbWgsiOelgo>

PORTUGUESE WORDS

- **Bom dia** (bone gee-ah) – good day or good morning
- **Boa tarde** (bō-ah tar-gee) – good afternoon
- **Boa noite** (bō-ah noy-chee) – good evening or good night
- **Qual é o seu nome?** (qual eh say-ew nō-mee)
What is your name?
- **Meu nome é**_____. (may-oo nō-mee eh) - My name is_____.
- **Tchau** (Chow) - Bye

BRAZIL CULTURE

- When learning about a new culture you need to:
 - Remember the difference between general understanding versus individual preference.
 - Not everything is right or wrong, some things are just different.
 - Give people the benefit of the doubt.
- Language: Portuguese
Brazil was colonized by Portugal.
Practice simple Portuguese phrases to engage the villagers
- The base of Brazilian culture is Relationships
The love language in the US is Words of Affirmation, but in Brazil it's physical touch.

However, the villages can be less expressive
- Religion:
 - Catholic, Evangelical, Spiritism and Umbanda (a syncretic Brazilian religion that blends African traditions with Roman Catholicism, Spiritism, and Indigenous American beliefs)
 - Their greatest need is the messages of grace
- Soccer is the most popular sport in Brazil, especially in the villages.
When we play their game it speaks their other love language
- Customs and Communication Style:
 - Brazilians are open and friendly.

- Brazilians usually introduce themselves with their first name, only.
- Brazilian people are laid back, but intense when communicating.
- Brazilians usually leave little distance when talking and do not often observe “personal space”.
- Brazilians often like to spend some time over a meal, this is a time to connect with others.
- Brazilians tend to arrive late and stay late.

TRANSLATOR RELATIONS

- Serving alongside our translator team is often a highlight of a trip
- Treat them like family and be patient if their English is not on high level
- Don’t cling to one translator
- Be aware they are very accommodating, so ask for their input before making requests
- Please do not give money directly to translators, but give to the general tip
- Do not pursue romantic relationships while on the trip
- Keep relationships appropriate during and after the trip

SPEAKING THROUGH A TRANSLATOR

- Review your talk with your translator in advance when possible (ask lead translator who will be translating)
- Speak in short sentences, and pause (your pace is almost as important as your content)
- Minimize reading, maximize telling
- Use your surroundings and props when you can
- When leading in the sinner’s prayer...use an extra pause after the translator
- When speaking to a group, look at the group

- When participating in a small group, look at the person talking

PREACHING THROUGH A TRANSLATOR

- Keep it simple: Summarize your message in one sentence
- Preach like Jesus, not like Paul
- Minimize reading, maximize telling
- Use your surroundings and props
- Share personal and culturally relevant illustrations
- Preach the gospel!
- Feel free to use testimony and Eball for the message
- When leading in the sinner's prayer...use an extra pause after the translator

BOAT LIFE

- Hammocks: Always keep the area around your hammock organized and clean. If you are on the third deck you need to roll up your hammock each morning and stow your belongings under the bench.

Lay angled in your hammock rather than center
The higher you tie your

- During the morning many travelers are reading their Bibles and having devotionals. Please respect this quiet time.
- Please help set up the tables and chairs before each meal
- Get small portions on your first trip through the meal line, then get seconds later so those at the end of the line will have food
- Always put your dirty dishes in the proper containers and clean off the table where you were sitting.
- Remember to respect others by keeping the noise level down early in the morning and at bedtime.

- Please wear proper attire. Low-cut, tight-fitting tops are prohibited. All bathing suits must be one piece and appropriate for a Christian mission trip.
- Bathing suits must be worn when showering on the back shower porch.
- Please do not use inappropriate language.
- Off-color jokes or insinuations are prohibited.
- Flirting or “romance” between short-term missionaries and interpreters or other short-term missionaries should be avoided at all costs. This always distracts from the goal of the mission.
- Only one person will be allowed in a shower room or toilet room at any one time.
- Only one person will be allowed in a hammock at any one time.

DRESS CODE

Ladies and Girls:

- For daytime- comfortable shorts or pants and T-shirts, tennis shoes or sturdy sandals. Flip flops are not recommended
- For evening church services- a casual dress or skirt
- Bathing suits must be one piece for showering on the back of the boat or a full coverage Tankini with a t-shirt over.
- Shorts should be mid-thigh length or longer
- Low cut tops, tank tops, tight fitting tops, or tops with spaghetti straps are not appropriate. Tops or T-shirts must cover the entire midriff area no matter what position you are in (bending over or reaching up)
- Bring flip flops to wear on the boat. These are “boat shoes” the other are “village shoes”

Men and Boys:

- For daytime-comfortable shorts or pants and T-shirts, tennis shoes or sturdy sandals. Flip flops are not recommended
- For evening church services-long pants or dress shorts
- A shirt must be worn at all times

- Shorts should be mid-thigh length or longer
- A swimsuit must be worn for showering on the back of the boat
- Bring flip flops to wear on the boat. These are “boat shoes” the other are “village shoes”.

TRAVEL MEDICAL INSURANCE

- You will only have travel medical coverage for potential incidents in Brazil
- If you trip cancelation or interruption insurance,, you’ll need to get this yourself
- All accidents that may potentially require a doctor’s visit in the US, must be documented by a Brazilian doctor in Brazil
- You will receive a medical travel card by email a few days before your trip to print
- Your coverage is greatly reduced if you are 70+

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NEXT STEPS

- Add next team meeting to your calendar: April 13
- Work on 15 second & 3 minute testimony
- Download WhatsApp and make sure you are on the team thread
- Let your leader know which ministry you would like to lead and start preparation
- Collect team supplies and put packing party on calendar (see list in MM, "Important Team Info.")
- Fundraise (see MM for your next amount due)
- Practice Portuguese (MM, Duo Lingo, Google Translate)
- Check out the "**Important Team Information**" link in MM at ao.managedmissions.com
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