

AMAZON - AUGUST 2010

A REPORT ON THE EVENTS OF MY TRIP TO THE AMAZON

It would be my pleasure to share with you all the events of my trip to the Amazon from August 12 to August 25. The story is one of God's providential hand. It would take a very long time for me to tell you everything that happened on this trip. However, the highlights will give you an idea of what the Lord did. Here is a quick chronological account of our trip, followed by reports of God's saving grace.

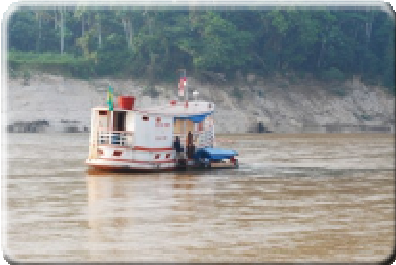


August 12-13

We made our way through the airports of São Paulo, Manaus, and Tabatinga trusting that the Lord would allow us to arrive at our final destination with all of our people and supplies. After being told time after time that we were not allowed to take any extra luggage or any extra weight, we went to the Lord in prayer each time asking that He would work for us and give us favor with those behind the airline's counters. Each time He answered our prayers, and we made it to Tabatinga with all of our belongings without paying for extra luggage.

August 14-15

Our plan was to be on the river by the 14th. These plans changed and we were forced to accept that God was working in circumstances to direct us where He wanted us to go. We stayed an extra night in Benjamim Constant before travelling to Atalaia where our presence would attract many eyes and possibly bring danger to the rest of our trip. Our prayers on these days were concentrated on the Lord allowing all of our team members to make the trip in spite of difficulties with visas and permission from the health department of Atalaia.



August 15-18

We boarded the boat in the afternoon of the 15th and spent the next four days on the river going from fishing village to fishing village. The health department had already denied permission for us to visit the Indian tribes. However, only several hours into the trip did we realize they took us down a different river than was planned originally. This kept us from going anywhere near the Indian tribes. It was disappointing, but once again we accepted the circumstances that God had for us. During these days we conducted medical clinics during the day and preaching services in the evening.

As we returned on the 18th our boat struck a sand bar in the middle of the river due to how much the water level had dropped. Not only were we stuck, but something had slipped and the engine was no longer turning the propeller. We unloaded all important cargo and passengers by means of a small metal canoe, hoping this would lighten the boat enough to get it over the sand bar and rocks. When this did not work, all the men waded out into chest high water to push the boat. Miraculously, the Lord used this effort to free the boat. Providentially, this delay kept us away from a shooting which happened during that exact time back at the docks where we should have been.

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August 19

Being forced back into town by a lack of fuel, food, and water, we spent the day passing out tracts, relaxing, regaining our strength, and praying that the Lord would allow us to go back out on the river on the 20th. Permission had to be granted by the mayor who was involved in a political rally for most of the day. We were finally given permission after 10pm when our leaders personally knocked on her door.

August 20

We spent this day on the river at two villages about an hour away. The Lord blessed and we were able to conduct two clinics and hold an evening service. When we finally boarded the boat that evening in the dark, it was pouring down rain. Upon our return to town at about midnight we realized the Lord had sent the rain to delay us. Arriving at the docks we found a tornado type storm had come through the city and our lives would have been endangered had we been there.

August 21-22

Our last two days in Atalaia were spent preparing for and conducting an all day clinic on Sunday the 22nd. We passed out hundreds of invitations, tracts and John and Romans on Saturday, as well as conduct a service for teenagers in the evening. On Sunday we were able to see nearly 200 people in the medical clinics and also hold two services where the Gospel was preached.

August 23-25

After saying our goodbyes to people in Atalaia, we returned through Benjamim Constant, Tabatinga, Manaus, and finally back to São Paulo.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE TRIP

1. Over 60 people trusted Christ as their Savior.
2. Several hundred Bibles were given out.
3. Over 500 John and Romans were distributed.
4. Over 5,000 Gospel tracts were distributed.
5. Two audio Bibles were given out in villages where many people did not know how to read and others did not have Bibles.
6. We were introduced to people from three or four different Indian tribes. Three young men from a very remote tribe were won to Christ. One of these young men is now being worked with every week.
7. The Lord gave us a clearer understanding of how to reach people in this area and the difficulties involved. The county of Atalaia is about as big as the state of Louisiana and houses the largest number of uncontacted Indian tribes in the world. Statistics estimate there being nearly 65 uncontacted tribes in this area, some of which may still be cannibalistic.
8. God burdened our hearts to reach the unreached in this area. To our knowledge, there is no Gospel presentation in this county outside of the city of Atalaia.



Your Missionary,
Jeremy Tyler

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