



April 2022

Amazon Connect Team is expanding in South America!
Please pray! Perhaps God would have you join the team and come along side as we Continue the Mission of the Great Physician!

The ministry focus is to use med-evangelism teams with a goal in helping see churches planted in the unreached regions of the Amazon basin. As stated by the Apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 15:58**; *“Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation.”*

Guyana site survey trip! In April, we took a site survey trip to Guyana, in preparation for the first **Connect Trip** in May. We enjoyed working along side of our missionary families, the Shrivnauths and Woodards. Guyana, though English speaking, has a unique cultural mix of Hindu, Muslim and Christian religions. While there we visited a church started through the Shrivnauth's ministry. Zakir Ibrahim, who pastors Foundation Baptist Church, was born and raised Muslim and their deacon had been raised Hindu. The song leader had come from more of a mixed religious background of all different churches. All were saved through the gospel of Christ. What a testimony of His grace! Pray for the team who will be working with these and other pastors to reach the lost in different areas. One specific goal will be to help the Woodards with an evangelistic crusade to plant their first church.

Bolivia Church Plant Initiative! Missionary **LT Everett**, was the first BIMI church planter to reach Bolivia over 50 years ago. His heart was to take the gospel and plant churches in difficult, hard to reach places. Last year he passed away leaving a legacy of many churches, seminary, camp and other ministries. In April we were blessed to visit and see what God has done. We look forward to working with our missionaries, the Wiebe, to carry forward the vision of taking the gospel to the hard to reach areas, where the gospel has not been. We will share more of that vision in future newsletters forth coming.

Amazon Connect Trips 2022! The month of May kicks off a season of trips with our med-evangelism teams to the Amazon. Our first trip in May will be to Guyana, where we will be working in more of an urban setting. The jungle boat trips will be in June to Colombia, July to Brazil and August to Peru

Pray For Amazon Connect Trip in Guyana May 16-26

Sign up for a trip at <https://www.bimi.org/connect>



Site Survey Trip
Guyana For Christ!



The Shrivnauth family
Serving Christ Faithfully



Iglesia Bautista Estrela
de Belen in Santa Cruz



The Wiebes
Missionaries in Bolivia

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NEWS FROM BRAZIL



Serving with
BIMI
in Brazil for 30 years as
church planters



Purchasing Property for the New Life Baptist in Guacuri



Pastor Harold baptized Rita and five others recently.



The Guacuri church meeting in a tent.



Seth with the two leaders of the Guacuri church, Pastor Harold and Uarlisson

Thank You! To those who have contributed to the "Guacuri Building Fund"

Over a period of several months we were forced to abandon our negotiations for original the property where the church is presently meeting. This was due to problems with the documentation, which would prohibit us from transferring into the church's name. In the meantime, another property came open about a hundred yards away, which would be equally doable and at the same price.

The property also houses two small buildings, which likely will be leveled in order to make room for the church building.

We welcome all CONSTRUCTION TEAMS looking for a project!

***If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.*
Call - 423-488-3449**

"Every work of God can be traced to some kneeling form", as said by **D.L. Moody**, has proven true with each new church plant. Sometimes we don't see all that God is doing behind the scenes until later. The New Life Baptist Church in Guacuri recently celebrated five years since we first began services in an old house. That house where we began the church once housed a spiritist center, which was run by the witch doctor who often performed animal sacrifices to the spirits of their Cadomblé religion. When the Lord lead us to start a church in the neighborhood, we found that property abandoned, falling apart and over grown with trees, but in a good location. After much prayer, our mother church in Ingá separated a group from the main church to start holding a midweek Bible study on the property. We would take groups to evangelize on Saturdays. While going door to door I met Elisabete, who said; *"pastor I have been praying for God to close that place of devil worship (referring to the spiritist center) and transform it into a house of prayer"*. No surprise that Elisabete brought her married daughter, Cyva, to the first service. Cyva and her daughter were the first converts we baptized. Cyva invited Rita, who lives directly across the street from the church. Rita's brother was gunned down in front of the church, about a month after we began holding services. The day before his death, God allowed me to witnessed to him about his soul. Sadly, he did not make a decision for Christ that day. However, his sister, Rita, did come to the church and later trusted Christ as her personal Savior. She has been a faithful ever since and recently followed Christ in believer's baptism!

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