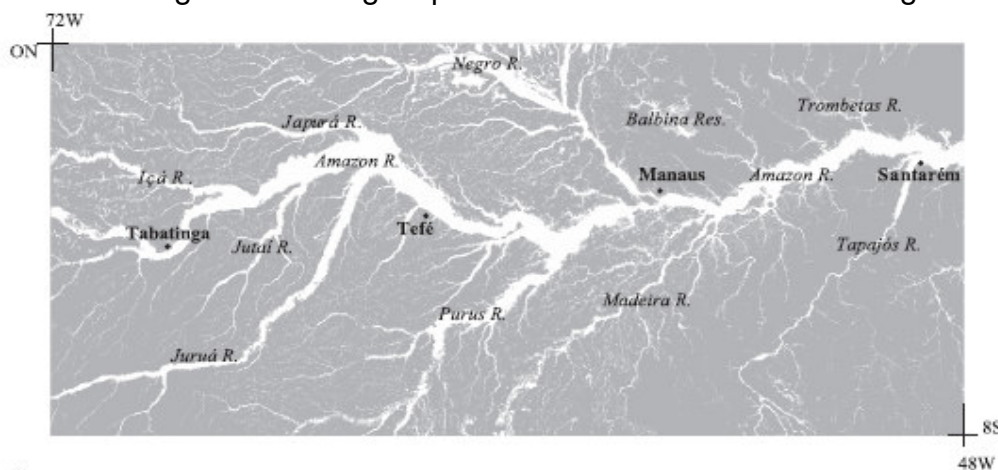




Walnut Street Baptist Church Missions Info Sheet BRAZIL, AMAZON 2008

MISSIONS MINISTRY

PLACE: Manaus (onto the Amazon River) Latitude: 03° 06' S Longitude: 60° 00' W
The Amazon River begins in the Andes Mountains of Peru near the Pacific Ocean and empties into the Atlantic some 4,000 miles to the east, draining more than 3,500,000 square miles. By conservative estimates, in excess of 20% of all fresh water and 25% of the world's oxygen are attributed to this region. The largest portion of the Amazon runs through Brazil.



SCHEDULE: We will depart Louisville on June 9, 2008 traveling through Miami we will fly to Manaus where we will board the AMOR boat. The boat will be our home throughout the trip and we will leave Manaus, staying overnight in Miami and finally arriving in Louisville June 20, 2008.

PURPOSE: We are planning to do medical, dental, Bible school, and construction. We will be traveling on a fully equipped boat that includes meals, sleeping quarters (hammocks on open air deck, actually), and shower/bathroom facilities. This trip will be much like last year, with medical and dental teams working daily in the villages. We'll also be running VBS for the kids at each stop. The construction projects this year will focus on basic repairs and maintenance.

CHALLENGE: This is a life-changing trip for those who have participated over the last couple of years. Many have elected to go back. The conditions are challenging and each participant should be in reasonably good physical condition. The 10 days on the Amazon and sleeping on the boat without air conditioning make it hard physically. Couple that with Amazon heat and humidity each day and it can be debilitating unless you're strong. If you're VBS inclined and willing to really mix it up with children from another culture, come go! We also need medical and dental support team members.

PARTNER: This trip is a partnership mission trip in connection with AMOR (Amazon Mission Organization) which is led by missionary Boyd Walker. You can discover more about AMOR online at www.amor-brazil.org. The itinerate pastor for the area we will visit is Pastor Edno who serves in the Lago Preto do Ramos area.

AMOR has endeavored to work in areas where no one else is working. There are many towns and villages which have no evangelical work of any kind. These places have a population ranging from 500 to 20,000 people. The passion of AMOR is to go into such a place and begin a new work. They work to meet the physical needs of the people with medical teams, but the overarching purpose is to lead as many to Jesus as possible and establish a New Testament church. Those who make public professions of faith are led to follow in Christian baptism. From this newly baptized group, two are selected to be the spiritual leaders of the new work. This choice is jointly made by the pastor of the nearest New Testament church, the newly baptized believers of the locale, and the teams from the USA. These leaders will be encouraged by periodic visits by the pastor or lay work from the nearest New Testament church. This seems to be the method the Apostle Paul used in his ministry. Prayer support is promised and given by those who participate in the mission trip.

VALUE: AMOR has been working in the Amazon River valley since 1988. During that time over 85 churches have been started and close to 800 people have been baptized. Whether along the Amazon River, the Arapiuns River, the Tapajos River, or the many lakes and streams, the focus is on the people. Brazilians living in the Amazon Valley are general a mixture of Portuguese, Indian, and Black ancestry. Their lifestyle is simple and they sustain themselves with the fruits of the land and the fish of the rivers. Most are receptive, even hungry, for the Gospel and a dynamic Christian experience. They are a beautiful, generous, loving people. Many of the people of the Amazon Valley have never seen a dentist, optometrist, or medical doctor. Yet their aches and pains come as frequently, if not more so, than ours. Visiting the Amazon is like no experience found in the United States; however, there is one similarity, the people have needs, both physical and spiritual. AMOR is striving to meet these needs.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS: Volunteer mission projects fulfill strategic needs for our partner missionaries. Through projects such as these trips, our missionaries extend their resources and advance the ministry of God's work around the world. Their resources are extended in two ways. First, short-term volunteers, such as you, fulfill ministries that enable career missionaries to share their "work load." Second, these projects are "self-funded." Unfortunately our missionaries have very limited resources. Because volunteers help pay for these projects, the missionaries resources are multiplied.

EXPENSES: \$2,500. Included in your trip are: Airfare to Manaus from Louisville, in-country transportation, emergency medical insurance, lodging, translators if needed, trip orientation, and most meals. In addition to your personal travel expenses, part of this money will cover a portion of the mission expenses. This is an opportunity for your Sunday school class, friends, and family to personally invest in the lives of the lost and saved in the Amazon River basin. Upon confirmation of your desire to go, you are expected to provide a \$400 deposit. We will communicate a complete payment schedule for the rest of the funds.

FAITH: Many of us do not have the funds available in our savings account to pay for our mission trip. We, however, know that our Father created all the resources in the universe, including the universe itself. We also believe that our Father cares deeply about us and those in need locally and across the world. We will be glad to provide you with biblical suggestions on how to communicate this need. By trusting God to provide the funds, we have seen hundreds of believers grow in their faith. We have also seen God provide the funds in EVERY circumstance. Remember, faith is trusting God for what you *Do Not Have*.