

MINISTRY STORIES

Tribal Village in Saint Francisco (Amazon, Brazil)

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After one hour and a half traveling by boat, we arrived at Saint Francisco, an tribal village in a remote and isolated area of the Amazon Rainforest. There is a well established tribal community of Ticunas with 150 people in that place. About 60% of the population are children with under 10 years old. The chief of that tribe told me that: "If somebody gives us safe water, they will win our heart". Of course this would be only the first step of community intervention, because they also need health education to face the problem of food poisoning, malaria, and the challenges of protecting the environment. In another village there is a tribal school and nutrition center, called Mecuagu. There, about 200 children are educated in the Word of God and life skills, they are also fed properly. After comparing needs and resources in the two villages, God laid a burden in my heart: to create an extension of the Mecuacu School and Nurturing Center in Saint Francisco. I met with a volunteer from Harvest, Clauber Quadros, and a friend, George Gonzales, who work in that area, and together we took the responsibility to work for the next 3 months for that goal in mind. We have the will to do it and the people from the village are totally committed to work towards that goal. This is an experience of community education and ministry planning with maximum use of local resources. May God's name be glorified as we serve in this project together.