



# Harvest: Brazil

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**“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness.”  
2 Corinthians 9:10**



**Nourishment is** a matter of survival for Indian tribes in the Amazon. Here I share several pictures that describe different aspects of nutrition among the Ticunas: the abundance of fish, a water system that was donated by Amazon X-Pedition, seeds, ...





a cassava garden, fruit, larvae, and the armadillo.



Some of these nutritional elements are very distinct from our own cultural customs!

We develop our activities to be like nutritious food for others. We do so with the confidence that we serve the One who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food.

## We want to provide nutritious teaching.

God provided the following opportunities to share these teachings on my last trip to the Amazon:

<i>Place/People</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Number of Participants</i>	<i>Hours of work</i>
Theological Seminary of the Ticuna Tribe, Sabonete	Vision Conference	76	19
Independent Baptist Church of Benjamin Constant	Vision Casting Conference	67	2
Conplei, Association of Evangelical Pastors and Indian Leaders	Vision Casting Conference	55	8
Ebenezer Baptist Church	Vision Conference	202	18
Mecuagu Nutrition Center	Vision Casting Conference	33	27
Christian Britto	Mentorship	1	18
Bi-lingual Ticuna teachers	Mentorship	7	3
Communities of Santo Antonio and Filadelfia	Home Visits and interviews	8 families*	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>449</b>	<b>99</b>

\*17 interviews with community leaders, 8 hours of material recorded, with focus on community development and sustainability after applications with seed projects

As I used Harvest curriculum to work with oral peoples, I found that certain books of the Bible are especially helpful to communicate the message. Deuteronomy shows the importance of the Law and instructions for community life. Acts teaches about the church and Titus describes God's great work of salvation and our works as followers of Jesus.

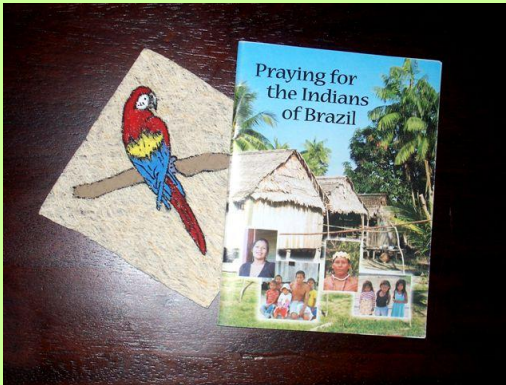
The Ticunas have the Scriptures in their language, but, of the 76 seminary students that attended our teaching sessions, only 4 had their Bibles with them. Our desire is to expand their understanding of the Word so that it becomes like nutritious food for them.

## We want to provide materials that can nourish mind, soul, and spirit.

In 2006 I sought the Lord for His direction regarding a ministry in the Amazon. At that time, along with sisters Adola and Nechama, from the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary, we designed a prayer guide with the description of 14 different areas of ministry. I have had the opportunity to see the prayers outlined in the booklet answered in the lives of several Indians! This small publication is bilingual, in English and Portuguese, and is available to all who would like to learn more and join us in the work of prayer for the Indians of Brazil. Please write me an email or call, and I'll be glad to

send you a free copy of this booklet.

The Ticunas produce very distinctive artistic work. In order to create a painting, the Indian artists go into the woods and get the bark of a tree called "tururi", which is dried in the sun. This is their canvas, which they can use for either painting or to make costumes. I met two artists who have done this work with special care, Josue and Calebe and am pleased to make some pieces of this artwork available to our friends. If you are interested, please contact me to receive a sample.



Kingdom work requires the nourishment of relationships with people who represent different organizations. This is how we grow in the social area. On my last trip to the Amazon, we worked side by side with representatives of Amazon X-Pedition, Trans World Radio, Conplei, and Mecuagu. Folks from Alphaville Presbyterian Church of Sao Paulo (we celebrated Jordao's birthday while he was there), and the Korean Church of New York also collaborated with us.

Our evangelistic conference was possible because of the network. The conference took place in an Indian church where I preached on different days for 5 hours. There was an average of 91 attendees per day, with 28 conversions and 17 baptisms. I personally baptized 7 of them.

Please join me in praying that they may grow in their knowledge of God and in all areas of life.



**INVITATION:** You're invited to see a 45 minute presentation about this ministry in the Amazon on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM, at Camelback Bible Church, room 309

If you would like to make a contribution to this ministry, please write checks payable to Harvest and send to PO Box 2670, Phoenix, AZ 85002. Include a note with the check designating the funds to "Oliveira".

All contributions are tax deductible. Thank you for your participation!