



Brazil

Reaching Migrant Peoples

Merging of Cultures & Rivers

Manaus is a bustling city with skyscrapers, universities, a rich history, vital commerce, and a population of two million people. It's a developing urban center in the middle of dense jungles and enormous rivers. When driving the crowded boulevards or sipping coffee in one of the many shopping malls, you would never guess the city is virtually inaccessible by road from the rest of Brazil. Nearly everything and everyone enters and leaves Manaus by river or air.

Tourists come to see the nearby merging of the Rio Negro and the Solimões (or "Amazon") rivers. The black water of the Rio Negro and the muddy water of the Solimões remain separate for many miles, and a sharp dividing line between them can be observed before they finally begin to mix well downstream.

Manaus is also a merging of Brazil's many cultures. Its vital free-trade zone has brought businesses and job seekers from all over Brazil, including many indigenous groups from the jungles.

More than 100 people groups in Brazil have never heard the gospel, largely due to geography or policies that isolate them from the outside world. Traditionally, missionaries have gone and lived among the indigenous in remote jungle villages. But in the last 20 years, God has been opening a new and unexpected pathway to these remote peoples: migration.

Approximately 50% of indigenous Brazilians have migrated to urban centers. More than 30,000 now live in the northern city of Manaus.

World Team, in partnership with like-minded agencies, is committed to reaching these migrant populations.

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From Marginalized to Multipliers

Urban Disorientation

Many indigenous peoples leave their village in search of a better life but often find their situation worsens in the city. Their dreams are inhibited by lack of education and vocational skills, language barriers, cultural differences, and discrimination.

Sadly, migrating peoples frequently end up living in poor conditions along the rivers' edge, with no sanitation and overcrowded conditions. In desperation, they and their children may turn to drugs, crime and prostitution.

There is little to no evangelical presence working among these communities. Yet, as individuals come to faith and churches are beginning to form, we see that God is raising up a generation of indigenous missionaries.

Co-Laborers for Multiplication

World Team Manaus exists to strengthen and equip churches and believers from traditional backgrounds to reach the Amazon region. Our aim is to foster a growing multiplication movement that sees indigenous believers, leaders, and churches leverage their unique gifts and abilities to train and encourage one another with exponential effect.

We use the diverse skill sets of our team to develop contextualized, reproducible trainings that support local leaders in their church planting efforts.

All of this is done in the context of trusted, mutual relationship with national partners as we seek to co-labor with them until all have heard!

"There are only 200-300 indigenous Christians in Manaus. There are so many indigenous who need to be visited, so many to be reached with the gospel...Come let us take on this challenge that God has put before us."

—André, Indigenous Missionary & Chief

Ministry Overview

People	Indigenous migrating groups
Language	Portuguese
Location	Manaus, Brazil
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evangelism & Discipleship• Language Education, Teachers, & Experience in ESOL• Business & Finance• Health, Medicine & Public Health• Vocational Training• IT (with ability to teach skills)• Music, Composition, Media, Film & Sound Engineers• Mental Health, Trauma-Informed Care & Substance

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Glorifying God by working together to establish reproducing churches focusing on the unreached peoples of the world.