



Brazil

Reaching Migrant Peoples

Confluence 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. Most everything and everyone enters and leaves Manaus by river or air.

Tourists come to see the nearby confluence 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 for miles before they finally begin to mix well downstream.

Manaus is also a confluence of Brazil's many cultures. Its vital free-trade zone has brought business people 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 which isolate them from the outside world.

Traditional missionary strategy has been to go and live among them in remote jungle villages. During the last 20 years, God has been opening a new and unexpected pathway to these remote peoples: migration.

Approximately 50% of Brazil's indigenous peoples have migrated to the major cities of the Amazon region. An estimated 50,000 now live in the northern city of Manaus.

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

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Loving 'the Invisibles'

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 blocked by lack of education and vocational skills, poor language acquisition, cultural differences, and discrimination.

Sadly, migrating peoples too often end up living in wooden shacks built along the rivers' edge, with no sanitation and overcrowded conditions. In desperation, they may turn to crime and prostitution, and children sometimes are sold into forced labor.

There is little to no evangelical presence working among this population. Locals refer to them as "the Invisibles" or "hidden" people. But they are not hidden to God. And we are called to share the hope of Jesus Christ with them through service and relationship.

Holistic Outreach

World Team's first workers arrived in 2016 to pioneer a new ministry to the migrant peoples in the Manaus region. They will study Portuguese as well as learn oral storytelling methods for evangelism and discipleship.

The team's research and partnership with local ministries will determine what areas of community development work will be most beneficial to the indigenous community. Possibilities include small business and job skills training, medical work, health education, literacy, and alcohol and drug addiction ministries.

Our vision for church multiplication is to make disciples that will form a network of indigenous churches in the Manaus region and that these churches would have a missionary vision for sharing the gospel in the remote villages they came from.

Ask God how you can be used to build relationships in Manaus for the sake of the gospel.

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Ministry Overview

People	Indigenous migrating groups
Language	Portuguese
Location	Manaus, Brazil
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evangelism and discipleship• Leadership training• Community development• Children and youth ministry• Health education• Dental hygiene• Job skill training• Car or boat mechanics• Literacy (English or Portuguese)• Alcohol/drug addiction

Thousands of people are migrating to the city in hope of a better life, but they're often unprepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

-Kamron, World Team Worker



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