

A Message from Rick Bergen

"I will not be embarrassed to ask for money for God's work!" Frieda Lindsay, who planted Bible Schools around the world, is the voice in my head as I write.

We have three vast regions we are working to blanket with local churches. Our regional budgets are all under supported by a wide gap. These funds are managed by the teams of missionaries and Brazilians in that region. Supporting a region is a great way for an organization or a church to help make a significant impact. For inquiries about big opportunities to invest in God's Kingdom contact one of our Regional Leaders at bud.simon@xingu.org, transamazon@xingu.org and rick.bergen@xingu.org.

What do you do when things start getting tight for you financially? The first thing I do is check on my giving to God's work. I have found that as I make God a priority He takes care of my needs. I encourage you to continue giving your tithes and offerings to your local church. If the Lord has been nudging you or enabling you to invest more in His Kingdom please pray about the Xingu Mission. We want to work closer with you. We have completely revamped our website. www.xingu.org.

We are exploring other ways we can communicate better, with blogs and online photo albums. God's people can work together like never before to complete the Great Commission. How long will these freedoms and opportunities last? We don't know. We can work together well now. Let's run this race to win!

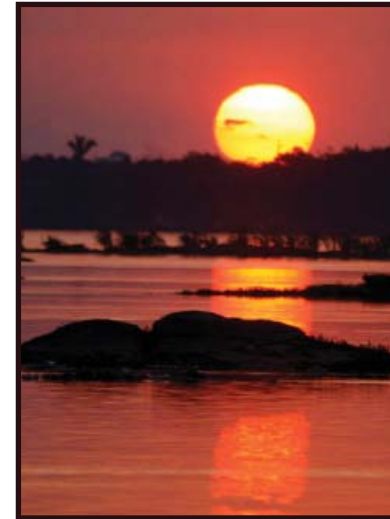
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Field Report



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Opening a New Region

Marabá

In 1994 Rick and Deanna moved to Altamira to open a new mission base. This year, in 2008, they have moved once again, to open another region. The Xingu Mission Field Report (XMFR) interviews Rick Bergen.

XMFR: Were you able to use the experiences gained in Altamira when you moved to open the Marabá region?

RICK: Yes there are many similarities.

1. We prayed a lot with our leaders before making both moves. In both cases there was about two years of planning and dreaming. We did at least five survey trips before each move, seeking God's guidance as to location and timing.
2. We included as many people as possible in the

process, including Brazilian leaders, fellow missionaries and our support team.

3. We committed to moving and started taking real steps to relocate to the target city before anyone else committed to join us. Both time we ended up moving with Brazilian leaders for which we are very grateful.
4. We enabled Brazilians to lead the newly planted city churches. We invited North Americans to come work with us, with short term teams and as full time missionaries. We worked to enable North Americans to connect with Brazilians and work together in as many ways as possible. Synergy means that the results of two working together is greater than the sum of each one working alone. This is true for us.



The Bergens celebrate 15 years in Brazil with the Leao family



Ivanildo went with the Bergens to open up the new region in Marabá

