

Brazil Trip

March 2018



Where did I go?



I flew into Manaus, drove 4 hours to the missions base, then took a boat to Nova Filadélfia, which was about 15 hours on the rivers.

SEARA

When we were headed to Nova Filadelfia, this is the boat we took. This is also the boat we use for our medical mission trips in June.



Nova Filadelfia

We stayed with our missionary friends who lived in the white and blue house. Their next door neighbors in the purple house were also missionaries.



My FRANDS

Below, L-R, Renan, Me, Rebekah, and Jahvona. Rebekah (a friend who came with me) and I stayed in Renan and Jahvona's house (the white and blue house) On the right are Butch, Caitlyn, and Lesi. They are missionaries who work at the base.

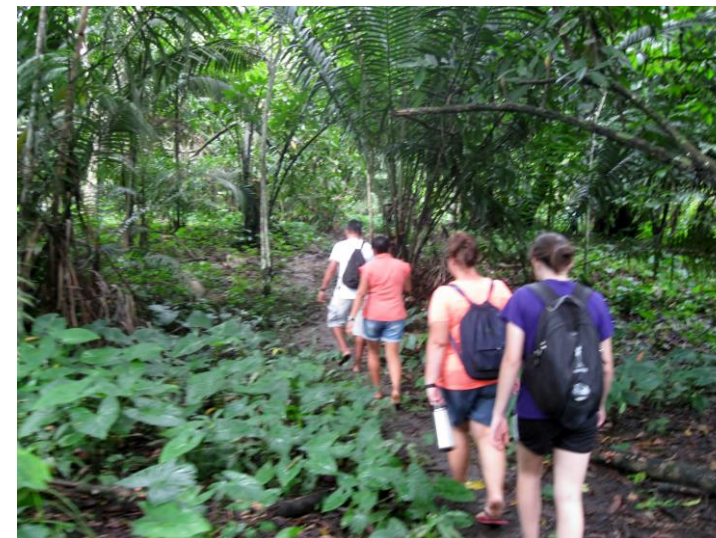


Below is Debora, who lived in the purple house with her husband Jairo (no picture)



Ituense

We visited friend in a nearby village who needed help installing solar panels. While Renan helped, us girls visited with the people around the village. Then when school got out, Rebekah did the girls hair and I did facepaint.



Painting



While in Nova Filadelfia, we did a lot of painting. We painted the children's church building (left and above) and Renan and Jahvona are expecting a baby in July, so we painted the baby's room too (right)



Church

One Sunday a month, all of the nearby villages gather together in Nova Filadelfia for a big church service. On the right, one of the visiting congregations is sings a song.



While the adults were in the main service, we helped out with children's church. We had 20-30 kids, and we sang songs, told a Bible story, and did a little tie-dye craft.



Fellowship After Church

After church, everyone went to the community center to have a snack and hang out. We also friends over for lunch, which meant lots of shoes on the front porch.



Evening Service

The church doesn't look very full on the right, but in the morning service, every pew was full and there were people standing in the back.



Above, the teens lead a song. On the right is the worship team: Renan, Junior, and Caleb.

Lago do Mara



We headed to Lago do Mara for a small service and children's program. We visited with people around the village, and had lots of fun with the kids.

School (Trindade)

There are two schools that the kids in Nova Filadelfia go to. One is in Trindade, where we visited. The other is in Vila Borges.



Vila Fatima

We visited a school in Vila Fatima to do a program for the kids there. Vila Fatima is bigger than most villages, so there were about 30-40 kids. We sang songs, told a Bible story, colored, and gave out candy.



Vila Fatima

While most villages in the area have about 80-100 people, Vila Fatima had over 200.



Tapira



Tapira was a smaller village, so it wasn't on the map, but we still had a small service on someone's porch, and did a little program for the kids.

Women's Bible Study



On our last day in Nova Filadelfia, we had a women's bible study and gift exchange. We made 100+ cookies for the Bible study.

Headed Home



On the way back to the base, it rained all day, and the waves on the Amazon River tossed our boat all over the place. I spent most of the trip sleeping in my hammock (right). We also stopped at a little floating gas station (left).



SEARA Base



SEARA is the missions group that ministers to the people in the villages. Their base is a place where the missionaries stationed in the villages can come do get their groceries, buy materials for construction, etc. There are also some missionaries who work at the base.

FOOD

Biribao (right)

A typical Brazilian meal (below) consists of rice, beans, fish, and farinha. Farinha is made out of manioc root, and is a lot like cruchy breadcrumbs. The farinha making process is very complicated because the manioc juice is a neurotoxin, and must be removed before it's safe to eat.



My new favorite food – turtle! On the left, Renan grills the turtle. Below is fresh passionfruit, or maracuja in Portuguese.



MORE FOOD



On the left, one of the village women teaches Butch how to make bread. On the right is caiman nuggets – yum!

EVEN MORE FOOD



Above is farinha in a french fry-like form. On the right is the manioc root before it is turned into farinha.



Far left – Pitomba. You crack open the shell like a peanut and suck a sweet/sour film off of the nut inside.

Above is cacao, which is the chocolate bean. The bean itself is very bitter, but we would suck the film around the bean, much like

Other food I don't have pictures of

Paca (like a big rat)

Water Buffalo Cheese (exactly what it sounds like)

Macaxeira (they mashed it up and fried it like funnel cake)

Cupuaçu (thick white juice, like a milkshake)

Inga (very refreshing, had the texture of wet cotton)

Cana (sugar cane)

Piquia (kinda like a sour potato)

Banana roxo (purple banana)

Marimari (tasted like a warhead with the consistency of an avocado)

Suco de Caju (cashew juice)

Minha Amigas



Left: Daniela helped us paint. Above: Naiane and Ticiane were sisters who lived in Lago do Mara. Right: Jane, Laene, and Sabrina would get off of school and we would play around the village.



Other Fun Moments



Left: I got to drive the boat! Right:
Renan liked to read Dr. Seuss to us.
Below: Laene and Sabrina showing me
that there was a little worm in my inga!
Corner: Jane, Sabrina, and Laene
teaching me a game called A-do-le-ta.



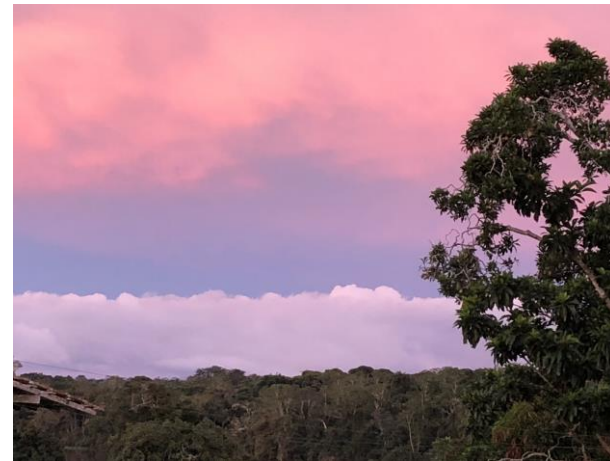
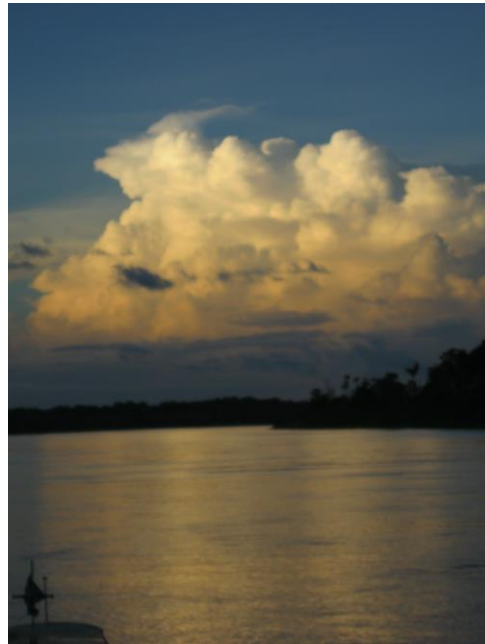
More Fun Moments



Left: When I went with the medical team in June, I brought my ukulele and Renan brought his guitar for the VBS programs. We had a lot of fun playing together, and at the end of the trip, I gave him my ukulele. I got a new ukulele and brought it on this trip. We had so much fun playing our ukuleles together! Right: Caitlyn's face. Below: When visiting some friends, we crossed a long, narrow bridge. It was pretty cool.



Beautiful Scenery



The End

