



Daily Prayer Guide for Amazon Basin Mission Team, June 21-29

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Please pray daily that Christ will be exalted through this ibcGO Team among the largest unreached people group of Brazil, Quilombolas (key-loam-BOWL-ahs). Less than 2% of the more than 2.2 million Quilombolas of Brazil have a relationship with Christ.

Tuesday - June 21

- Travel Day - Pray for endurance, patience, & protection as the team begins a twenty-hour trek to Belém do Pará. Our flight leaves Knoxville at 5:30PM. If all goes to schedule (as you're praying it will) we will arrive in Belém at 2:30PM on Wed.
- Pray that the team will be sensitive and responsive to doors God may open to be witnesses even as we travel.
- Please pray for the health & protection of family members staying behind...Jack & BJ Jackson and Hagan & Mia Jones...as well as for peaceful confidence for the hearts of their parents.

Wednesday - June 22

- Pray that all goes smoothly as the team has a tricky connection to make in São Paulo this morning at 6:30AM (Corbin time). Pray specifically that all goes smoothly with the customs and screening process.
- Spend special time in prayer today for Vanja Maria Terra da Silva, a close Brazilian friend of Pastor Rob's family, who is coordinating many of the logistics for the team's arrival & transportation in Belém. She is a vital partner.
- Pray that the team is able to get a good night's rest. We'll be up before dawn to continue travel to the interior. Pray for the team's health as they are adjusting to the Amazonian climate.

Thursday - June 23

- Pray for safe travels, as the team will spend 4 ½ to 5 hours traveling by bus and then board a boat to cross one of the major tributaries of the Amazon, the Tocantins River. This crossing will take 1 to 1 ½ hours.
- Please pray for quick relational connections with our team of translators who will be traveling with us today: Deoclecio, João, Jônatas, Lago, Luiza, Nilda, & Vanja.

- Pray also for our Brazilian church planting partners, Paulo Cezar & Elizete Pereira, and the team from Mocajuba Baptist Church. FBC Mocajuba was the first Brazilian church to partner with Pastor Rob's family in engaging Quilombolas and is currently working to plant churches in 5 different communities.
- Pray as the team will be setting up in the community center & meeting the residents of the village where we will be staying for the next few days. We will be making home visits and showing an evangelistic film tonight.

Friday - June 24

- Pray for the riverfront community of Mangabeira. This is a larger Quilombola village with more than 100 homes. Several spiritual barriers exist to the advance of the Gospel here. Historically, the people's worldview has been a complicated mixture of rainforest legends, Macumba (a syncretistic belief system resulting from west African religions being mixed with folk Catholicism), & folk Catholicism. Since Mocajuba Baptist's team began work here, some neo-pentecostal groups have entered with a prosperity gospel. Pray that the light of the Gospel will overcome the confusion of darkness. Pray that God will open their eyes (2 Cor. 4:4).
- The team will be making home visits today sharing their personal stories and having their first experience with Bible storying (an oral teaching method). Pray that the Holy Spirit will overcome language & cultural barriers and that He will empower them to remember His Word as they share Bible stories.
- The team will also be conducting children's ministry today. Parents are always present...often participating in songs & crafts! Pray for spiritual decisions to happen.

Saturday - June 25

- Pray today for the village of Uxizal, which is located about 13 kilometers deeper in the rainforest. The team will have an adventure as they travel this trail by motorcycle, hiking, and...who knows...a water buffalo? There has been great openness in this community of 60 homes, but it has been difficult to sustain the work because the community becomes all but inaccessible during the rainy season.
- Pray that God will raise up leaders among Quilombola believers to see a healthy church established.
- The team will again be Bible storying home-to-home, ministering with children, & possibly showing an evangelistic film using a solar-powered projection system. Pray for spiritual decisions.

Sunday - June 26

- Pray today for the village of São Benedito de Viseu, the base of operations for the team. This morning we will be making home visits and conducting a worship experience in this small, riverfront village of 28 homes.
- Pray as we cross back across the Tocantins River after lunch. Pray that God will renew our strength and maintain perfect unity between our Mocajuban partners, translators, & US team members.
- Pray for the team as we lead out in a celebration service tonight at Mocajuba Baptist Church. Team members will be singing, sharing testimonies, & preaching. Pray that the members of Mocajuba Baptist Church will be encouraged as they continue in this amazing church planting work!
- Spend time specifically praying for the family of Pastor André Rocha Pinheiro. Since becoming pastor Rob's first Brazilian church planting partner, the Lord has used Pr. André to plant Baptist congregations in four communities. The church has also successfully engaged Quilombolas and a small indigenous tribal group.

Monday - June 27

- Pray for "fresh wind" as the team travels back to the capital city of Belém today. Pray that we will remain

"on mission" and open to opportunities to share on the bus and in the city. Pray that the team will encounter no delays or difficulties on the road.

- Pray today for the literally thousands of Quilombola communities in Brazil that continue without any evangelical church. Pray that those Brazilian churches currently engaging Quilombolas will persevere in the work; that God will send out more workers into this harvest field; and that the vision of seeing Quilombolas equipped to fulfill the Great Commission to the ends of the earth will be fulfilled!
- Pray for Pastor Rob tonight as he encourages members of Equatorial Baptist Church in their efforts to engage Quilombola communities in the region of Acará.

Tuesday - June 28

- Pray for the team this morning, as they will have the chance to see some sights around historic Belém, the first port city on the Amazon River. Pray that God will use the experiences of the week to forever change team members' lives for His glory.
- Pray for the team as they begin the long trip back to Corbin. Our flight leaves Belém at 3:30PM. Please pray for energy to keep pushing on, protection, and health.
- Pray that God will richly bless our awesome Brazilian partners who took time away from work & families and allowed us to join them...in joining God in what He is doing among Quilombolas.

Wednesday - June 29

- Thank you for your faithfulness to partner with us in prayer during this ibcGO mission experience. You have been a vital member of our team! Please continue to pray that the team arrives safely and relatively on schedule. We're scheduled to arrive in Knoxville at 9:15AM.
- As team members begin to update their prayer partners and share with friends, family, LIFE Groups & others, pray that God will be glorified and that He will inspire many others to pray, give & go so that all peoples may hear the Good News!