



# THE OLIMPIOS

## About us

Hello there!

We are the Olimpios, Renan, Jahvona, Noah, Liza and Layn. We are Word of Life missionaries in Brazil since 2016 where we have been working with evangelism, discipleship and church planting projects among the “River People” of the Amazon. I (Renan) met Jahvona in a mission trip to my village in the Amazon back in 2009 and we became good friends.

Seven years after becoming friends and learning each other’s language we got married and God blessed us with three beautiful kids. We both went to the same bible school in Belem, Brazil.



## About Word of Life.

Word of Life is a worldwide organization based in Schroon Lake, NY.

### **Vision**

“Every young person taking their next step with Jesus.”

### **Mission Statement**

“The mission of Word of Life Fellowship is the evangelization and discipleship of youth through various means consistent with the Holy Scriptures to strengthen and build up the church of Jesus Christ.”

This organization focused to reach the people of this world with the Gospel of Jesus through various tools such as camps, evangelistic ministries, Bible clubs, training programs and Bible institutes all over the world.



## About SEARA Ministry.

SEARA stands for “Service of Evangelism and Assistance to the River people of the Amazon” and it is a Word of Life ministry. Mission SEARA has been working with River people for over 25 years and has developed means to reach, disciple and train natives to become strong believers and strong Christians that can self-propagate and be self-sustained.

For that reason, we have three main operational branches: Evangelism, discipleship and training. We have our missionaries in all three branches working together in waves and stages. Our evangelism missionaries and activities are focused in gaining people for Christ and opening doors in new villages. Our discipleship

team come after them to plant churches by living with the people and teaching the things that Jesus has ordered to be taught. Finally, we have our training team that will provide seminaries, leadership training and other resources that will help the local leaders take off.

So, we do exactly what Jesus has commanded us in Matthew 28.18: Go and make disciples of all nation baptizing them in the name of the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Evangelism), teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Discipleship and training).

## Conclusion

Therefore, we are biblical minded, we live and teach the Bible as is. We want to make disciples in God's way and because of that in past 10 years we have planted 12 solid churches and constituted native leaders that are actively propagating the Gospel alongside us. We are currently present in 13 rivers and 180 villages. We aim to optimize the process of evangelism and discipleship by training natives to become missionaries and church leaders that will be influential in their home villages and region.





## **THE CAUSE.**

**We love those that Jesus loves and therefore we can share what we have while we can.**

### **Did you know?**

River people is a population of individuals that live along the rivers of the Amazon Basin and their lifestyle is very similar to the indigenous population except in cultural and appearance matters. The river people started to populate the Amazon region in the 1800s with the arrival of many foreigners and Brazilian workers that arrived in the Amazon for the Gold and rubber rush and married indigenous people.

The river people population is a compound of communities deeply connected to the Amazon's waterways, relying on rivers for food (fishing), transportation, and cultural identity, with spiritual beliefs often centering on river spirits, though they face challenges such as the lack of health assistance of any kind, lack of education, lack of amenities like clean water, electricity etc. Most of all they lack Jesus.

### **Should we reach them?**

It is estimated that there are over 30 thousand small communities in the Amazon region from which only a few have some kind of religious assistance. Needless to say, that there aren't as many missionaries out there teaching them considering that access to the villages is very difficult and everything is done by boat. So, places can take hours or days to get there.

There are several missions working with indigenous tribes and their population stays under 2 million individuals, while the river people have very little missions fully committed to reach them and their population is above 10 million individuals (data from the internet). It is hard to know the reason for such a gap between them, but the best guess is that the river people profess catholic Christianity and they speak the national language which can provide a false appearance that they are already reached.

The truth is: the river people have been ignored for many years and there are few missions doing serious work of evangelism and discipleship among them.

The river people is the second most unreached people of Brazil (percentage rate), and the largest unreached (considering the populational numbers overall).

We believe that we have the chance in our hands to reach thousands (even millions) of individuals in the Amazon rain forest by establishing strong churches and leaders, and they themselves can start the biggest Christian movement in the history of the Amazon Basin. That's not just a dream; it is a goal.

Join us and let us take the Gospel to the deepest corners of the Amazon region!

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## Our goals.

Our goal for 2026 is to plant another church among the river people.

We are committed to Jesus, his word and his mission above all things. And our main goal is to “take the gospel of truth to the last river person”. God has chosen us to be part of a big movement among the river people, and he has guided us and confirmed throughout the years that we are to be a light to the river people of the Amazon. It is not an easy task, but that’s what he chose us for and I am sure he will enable us to do so. We, the Olimpios, have the knowledge and training to do so much more for the river people, and above all things we have God and his Holy Spirit with us to complete such a task. We so excited about the ways that God will use our family to spread the message of salvation among those that have heard very little from Jesus.



## Our experience.

From 2017 to 2025 (8years) we were evangelizing and discipling river people along the “Urariá” and “Arari” river where we helped in the process of planting the church located in the village of Tapira. We also started small bible study groups in other locations. We believe it was wise to leave those new locations to the native to continue the process as Jesus taught; Mark 5:19 “Go home to your family and friends. Tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how he has had mercy on you”. In 2025 we considered that ministry completed with the establishment of a church group, and church house and a local leadership. It is a different feeling to see those we love taking over and being a witness o their own.

## Our projections

Good news; we are heading back to Brazil the **beginning of March, 2026** for 5 more years where we’ll be joining a new missionary front in Manacapuru (a small town about 100 km from the capital Manaus). This new location will provide flexibility and dynamic for our family as well as the opportunity to serve in the river villages. We will be based in Manacapuru and from there we’ll do weekly trips to the interior (1h:30 min away) and also we will be driving to Manaus (the capital) once a week for Noah’s therapies as we assist him in his autism journey.

Our main goal is to travel to the interior twice a week and develop evangelism and discipleship programs to boost the ministry that has already started there last year. While in town, my wife will have her hands full homeschooling 2 of our children and I will be studying and preparing for the weekly trips. So for the next few years will be visiting a lot of people and holding as many bible studies as possible. The river people are very open to the Gospel even though they are resistant to committing to the faith. All we need is the opportunity to share the word of God.

## Our needs.

In order to reach our goals, we need a **place to stay**, a **car to drive** our family, **therapies** for our son Noah and **gas for our boat and car**.



### The car Project

We are looking to raise \$25,000.00 dollars for a used car. Yes, you heard that right. Not a brand-new car. Those types of products are very expensive in Brazil and since we will be going to Manaus (the capital) twice a week (For Noah's therapies) we need a reliable car to be on the road (that are full of pot holes). So, we're hoping to find as old as a 2017 car. Older than that we can only expect a broken-down vehicle that will not be reliable (find out how to give to this project at page 7).



### Gasoline and maintenance

We also need sponsor for our ministry expenses that will raise considerably because of our reality. We will be spending 57% more gas in this new ministry location for our boat monthly. We used to spend \$500.00 monthly and now we'll be at \$785.00. One thing we never did and now we do, is to dock our boat in town, that will cost us \$50.00 a month. Also we will be using car more than ever before which will add \$112.00 a month to our budget. Maintenance of car and boat will average around \$90.00 a month. All theses items combined will be \$1.037,00 monthly.



### Therapies

Once of the commitments we have made as a family is to get Noah (our son) the help he needs for his autism challenges. We are intensifying the treatments once he is getting to the age where he needs therapies more than ever. We are looking to raise \$600.00 dollars for this monthly cost. That's is one of our priorities for next years of ministry; to give the proper attention to our children need while serving Jesus.



### Rent

As some of you know we have lived in a river village all theses years, and there was no rent to pay once you can build a house. However, in town it could be very costly to build a house, so we plan to rent one. That will add \$400.00 dollars to our family budget. Yes, you heard that right, a house rent is not as expensive as in the US. \$400.00 will cover the rent and part of our electric and water bills.

## EXPENSES

### Personal expenses 2026

Item	Amount	Frequency	Price U\$	Total
Noah's therapy	2 sessions/week	8 sessions/month	\$40/session	\$320.00/month
House Rent	-----	----- -	\$400/month	\$400.00/month
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$720.00 monthly</b>

**Note:** This list above DOES NOT what our final budget number is nor what we have already raised for that cause. To save paper and work I will update you verbally or through our website about the percentage of what we still need and of what we have already raised ([www.theolimprios.com](http://www.theolimprios.com))

**As of now we need to raise the total amount of \$1.300,00 dollars for our personal support, and that will cover our personal expenses and ministry expenses.**

### Ministry Expenses 2026

Item	Amount	Frequency	Price U\$	Total
Boat Gasoline	70L/trip	8trips/month	560L at \$1,4/liter	\$784,00 per month
Boat dock rent	50	-----	\$50/month	\$50.00 per month
Car gasoline	20L/trip	8 times a month	\$28/trip	\$112,00/month
Maintenance	\$90,00/month	-----	\$90/month	\$90.00 per month
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1.036,00</b>
Ministry resources	\$145,00/month	-----	\$145/month	\$145.00 per month
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1.181,00</b>

With your partnership we can reach such a goal as we move to a new place with the conviction that the Lord will use our lives there to communicate his love to the river people. We are so excited to get started, or I should say restarted. I would like to encourage to partner with us and do something significant if your resources and prayers.

On the next page I explain the ways you can partner with us.





## THE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

Before anything I would like to appreciate your consideration to fund us in this mission and help us to reach a higher goal that can't be achieved by human means; the salvation of people. Your financial support in God's kingdom is one of the three ways you can invest in eternity other than going and praying. So, I would like to encourage you to be part of this mission and fulfill Jesus' calling upon every Christian to announce his good news to the end of this earth. Our commitment is to be good stewards and keep you updated with what we are doing.

### Give to the car project.

You can give online using the following link: <https://give.wol.org/03626C>

Or you can send a donation to Word of Life in Schroon Lake with our information that will be attached at the end of this file. Make sure the slip you send your donation with ends with the letter C as shown in the picture below:

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