



THE OLIMPIOS

About us

Hello there!

We are the Olimpios, Renan, Jahvona, Noah, Liza, and Layn. We have been Word of Life missionaries in Brazil since 2016, evangelizing, making disciples, and planting churches among the “River People” of the Amazon. And we are an American/Brazilian family living for Jesus!



About Word of Life.

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 is based in Schroon Lake, NY, and is focused on reaching people worldwide with the Gospel of Jesus through various tools, including camps, evangelistic ministries, Bible clubs, training programs, and Bible institutes.



About SEARA Ministry.

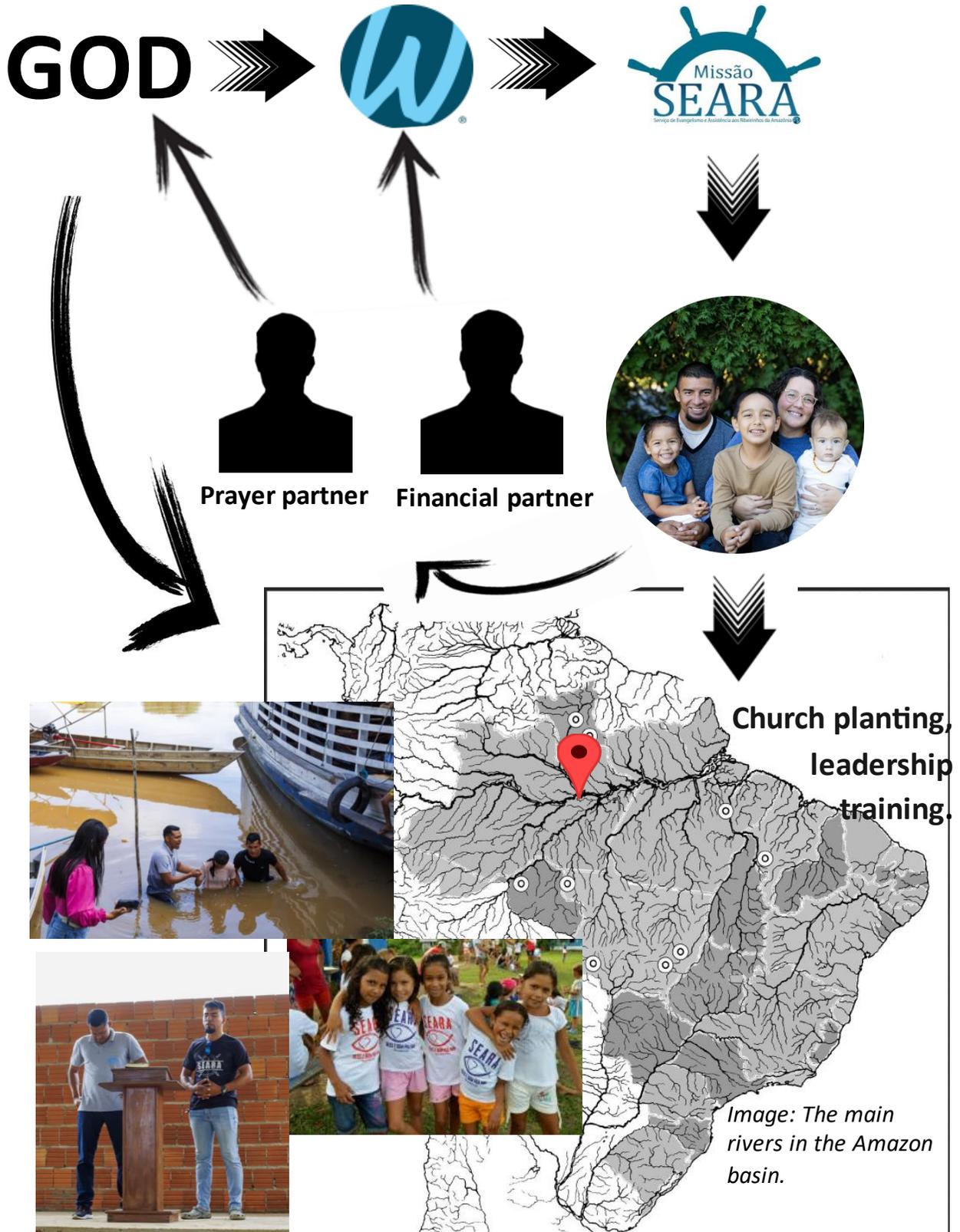
SEARA stands for “**Service of Evangelism and Assistance to the River people of the Amazon,**” and it is a Word of Life ministry. Mission SEARA has been actively reaching the River People for over 25 years and has developed means to reach, disciple, and train natives to become strong believers and strong Christians that can self-propagate and be self-sustained. We have three main operational branches: Evangelism, Discipleship, and Training. Our goal is to give every river person the opportunity to know who Jesus is and what he has done for them. Once they commit to the faith, they are disciple and trained (2 Tm 2:2). We follow Jesus’ model from Matthew 28.18: “Go and make disciples of all nations, 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).

Perspective.

Therefore, we love God’s word and want to make disciples God’s way. Our objective is to teach the gospel and prepare people to become strong leaders. 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 who will be influential in their home villages and region. We take the whole Gospel “to the last river person”.

MINISTRY DIAGRAM





THE CAUSE

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands” Rev 7:9

People profile (summarized)

Name	The river people of the Amazon
Location	Amazon basin (mainly in Brazilian territory)
Challenges	More than 1,000 rivers, locomotion, environment, resources, health, education, spiritual, drugs, alcohol, illiteracy, and domestic abuse.
Positive aspects	Welcoming, friendly, open to the gospel, spiritually minded, village settlements close to one another, curious, hard workers.
population	Around 10 million individuals (estimated), over 30 thousand communities.
Unreached rank	The second-most unreached population in Brazil (behind only indigenous people).
Spirituality	Animism (A complex worldview where spiritual and material are intertwined)
Religion	Brazilian Catholicism (majority).
Language	Brazilian Portuguese

Profile explanation.

The “river people” live along the rivers of the Amazon Basin, and their lifestyle is very similar to that of the indigenous population, including culture and appearance. They appeared in the Amazon region in the 1800s, after the arrival of many foreign workers who came for the Gold and rubber rush and married indigenous people. They are known for being extremely friendly and simple.

The river people are a diverse group of communities deeply connected to the Amazon's waterways, relying on rivers for food, transportation, and cultural identity, with spiritual beliefs often centered on river spirits. They commonly face challenges such as malnutrition, disease, poor education, and a lack of amenities like clean water and electricity. But most of all, they lack Jesus.

The challenge.

It is estimated that there are over 30,000 small communities in the Amazon region, and only a small percentage of those have been in contact with a missionary who could explain the gospel to them. Not many missions are focused on reaching these people, considering that they are the second-largest unreached group in Brazil, outnumbering indigenous people by 8 million individuals.

Impressively, the indigenous people are better assisted when it comes to government assistance and missionary presence. Because those villages are remote and don't have electricity, internet, or cellphone towers, the only way to reach them is by going there. Once present, we face challenges such as transportation, illiteracy, and catholic opposition. We believe we have a great opportunity to bring thousands of river people to Christ by evangelizing them and training them to reach their own people. They are open to the Gospel and need missionaries. Join us to reach them.



THE OLIMPIOS

Our Values

We are committed to Jesus, his word, and his mission above all things. And our mission is to “take the gospel of truth to the last river person”. God has chosen us to be a light to the River People of the Amazon. We strongly believe that our God is with us and that he has equipped us to reach these people with the Gospel of Jesus.



Our Experience

Since 2017, we have been evangelizing and making disciples among the river people along the “Urariá” and “Arari” rivers, helping plant a church in the village of Tapira, and we also started two other locations where bible studies are currently being held. We taught them to obey 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 completed a cycle by establishing a church group, a church house, and local leadership. It brings us so much joy to see those we love taking over and being a witness to their own families. Read more on our website www.theolimprios.com.

Our Goals

We are heading back to Brazil in March 2026 for 5 more years, joining a new missionary front in Manacapuru (a small town about 100 km from the capital, Manaus), where we’ll continue our church-planting activities with the river people. This new location will provide our family with flexibility and dynamism, as well as the opportunity to serve in the river villages. We will be based in Manacapuru, and our family will make weekly trips to the interior (1h:30 away) for outreach activities. We will also drive to Manaus once a week for Noah’s therapies, as we assist him in his autism journey.

In our weekly trips, we intend develop evangelism and discipleship programs to strengthen the ministry that began there last year. We believe we have plenty to contribute to that project with our experience and skills. My wife will have her hands full homeschooling 2 of our children, assisting with weekly trips to the villages, serving in all ways possible, and supporting the kids' evangelistic programs. And I will be engaged with discipleship programs, teaching, serving, and preparing for our trips. So, over the next few years, our family will be visiting many people and holding as many Bible studies as possible, for the river people are very open to the Gospel, and we can’t let this opportunity slip away.



OUR NEEDS

With your help, we can reach our goals.

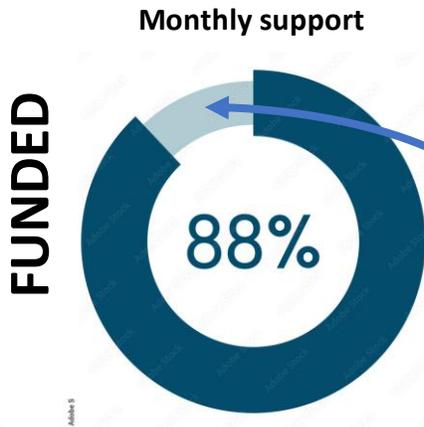
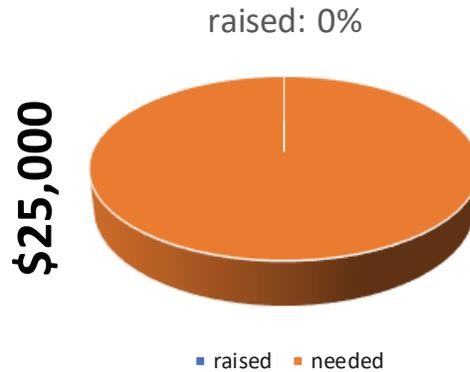
A car project		<p>We are looking to raise \$25,000 dollars for a used car. This car will be used to haul our family around for personal needs and ministry errands. And because of Noah's therapies, we'll be driving him to Manaus once or twice a week. Our roads in the Amazon are in terrible condition, so we hope to find a used car in fair condition that won't need much repair or maintenance. And a car in those conditions is in the range of \$25,000. Please pray about this matter and help us acquire this important tool.</p>
Fuel		<p>We need you to join us in our monthly support to provide the fuel we need for our family boat. Our gas expenses will increase by 55% at this new ministry location due to longer distances. Our monthly fuel budget for 2026 will be \$800. In addition to that were looking to raise \$200 for maintenance for both the car and the boat. The Lord has already provided for most of our expenses, but we need your help to be fully funded.</p>
Therapies		<p>One of our family commitments is to care for Noah and assist him in his autism journey with therapists and all the help we can get. We are intensifying the treatments as he gets to the age where he needs therapies more than ever. We are looking to raise \$600 for this monthly expense. This is one of our top priorities for the coming years of ministry: to give the proper attention to our children's needs while serving Jesus.</p>
A House		<p>As some of you know, we have lived in a river village all these years, and there was no rent to pay once you could build a house. However, in town, building a house could be very costly, so we plan to rent one. That will add \$400 dollars to our family budget. Yes, you heard that right, a house rent is not as expensive as in the US. \$400 will cover the rent and part of our electric and water bills.</p>

Please consider becoming one of our prayer partners. Reach out to us via our website or send us your query on the next page, and I will send you a magnetic prayer card and add you to our newsletter list. Prayers are very much appreciated and needed in our ministry. We can't do this without your spiritual support!

WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

Our costs above (except the car project) are partially covered by our previous assignment. We only need funds to cover Noah's therapies and other additional expenses.

The car project: We will be based in town for the first time in 10 years of ministry, and we will need a vehicle to assist us in our daily needs and to take our son to the therapist in Manaus once a week. This is a one-time gift type project, and the info about the donation is at the end of this file. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for that project.



We are very close to being fully funded, and with your help, we can get to 100%. Consider becoming a monthly partner. Your gift will be greatly appreciated and help us achieve our goals in God's kingdom. Our total budget is \$6,681. The following number is what we still lack to be fully funded.

\$800 Needed.

We need 16 more people to support us with \$50 each, or 8 more people to give \$100 each monthly, to reach our goal.



Yes. I would like to become a financial partner with the Olimpios (Great! Let us know who you are).

Yes. I would like to become a prayer partner with the Olimpios (Great! Let us know who you are).

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Birthday ____/____/____

Spouse _____ Birthday ____/____/____

Yes. I need help with information about how to become a financial/prayer partner.

No. I know what to do.

Please hand this over to us or send it to 4349 Township 422, Sugarcreek, OH 44681



THE WAYS YOU CAN FINANCIALLY PARTNER

If none of the following works for you, please access our website for more info or get in touch

Car Project Goal: \$25,000

(Check/Online-One-time gift)

Send your check toward this project to Word of Life, along with the following slip. Or scan the QR code on the slip to make a one-time donation with a credit card.



PARTNERSHIP

I want to partner with Word of Life and would like my gift to benefit the ministry of Renan Olimpio and the work in Brazil North Belem.

Please make checks payable to Word of Life and send this form along with your gift to:
Word of Life
PO Box 600
Schroon Lake, NY 12870



Renan Olimpio
Brazil North Belem
03626C

My gift of \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____



Give online at give.wol.org

I understand that the use of my gift is subject to the discretion and control of Word of Life Fellowship, Inc. Donations will be acknowledged with a tax deductible receipt.



Give Monthly-Goal: \$800 more to be fully funded. ✂

(Check/Online-Monthly)

Send your check toward this project to Word of Life, along with the following slip. Or scan the QR code on the slip to set up online monthly donations with a credit card.



PARTNERSHIP

I want to partner with Word of Life and would like my gift to benefit the ministry of Renan Olimpio and the work in Brazil North Belem.

Please make checks payable to Word of Life and send this form along with your gift to:
Word of Life
PO Box 600
Schroon Lake, NY 12870



Renan Olimpio
Brazil North Belem
03626S

My gift of \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____



Give online at give.wol.org

I understand that the use of my gift is subject to the discretion and control of Word of Life Fellowship, Inc. Donations will be acknowledged with a tax deductible receipt.

