



THE OLIMPIOS

About us

Hello! We're the Olimpios—Renan, Jahvona, Noah, Liza, and Layn. Since 2016, we've served as Word of Life missionaries in Brazil, sharing Jesus, making disciples, and planting churches among the Amazon's "River People." We're an American-Brazilian family living fully for Him!



About Word of Life and SEARA



WORD OF LIFE: "A worldwide mission organization reaching people for over 60 years.

SEARA: "Service of Evangelism and Assistance to the River People of the Amazon"—is a Word of Life ministry that has been reaching river communities for over 25 years. Through evangelism, discipleship, and training, it equips believers to grow, multiply, and sustain their faith. Its goal is to give every river person the opportunity to know Jesus, then disciple and train them to share the gospel with others, following Christ's command in Matthew 28.

Perspective.

We love God's Word and are committed to making disciples His way—teaching the gospel and equipping people to become strong leaders. Today, we serve along 13 rivers in 180 villages. By training natives to be missionaries and church leaders, we aim to multiply discipleship and evangelism, taking the full Gospel "to the last river person."

OLIMPIO'S MINISTRY DIAGRAM



When you partner with us you become part of something bigger than ourselves.



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...” Rev 7:9

THE RIVER PEOPLE.

The “river people” live along the Amazon’s waterways, sharing much of the culture and lifestyle of indigenous communities. They emerged in the 1800s when foreign workers from the gold and rubber rush intermarried with indigenous peoples. Known for their warmth and simplicity, they depend on the rivers for food, travel, and identity, often shaping their beliefs around them. Despite their rich culture, many face malnutrition, disease, limited education, and lack of basic resources—and above all, they do not know Jesus.

THE CHALLENGE.

There are over 30,000 small communities in the Amazon, yet only a few have ever heard the gospel from a missionary. Despite being the second-largest unreached group in Brazil—outnumbering indigenous people by 8 million—they receive far less support. These remote villages lack basic infrastructure, making access difficult and requiring in-person outreach. Even then, challenges like transportation, illiteracy, and religious opposition remain. Still, they are open to the gospel, and we believe many can be reached by equipping them to share Christ within their own communities. Join us in reaching them.

OUR FOUNDATION

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 river communities along the Urariá and Arari rivers. By God’s grace, we helped plant a church in Tapira and started two additional Bible study groups. We have encouraged new believers to follow Mark 5:19—sharing with their own families what the Lord has done. In 2025, we completed a full cycle by establishing a church body, a meeting place, and local leadership. It is a joy to see them now reaching their own people. Learn more at www.theolimprios.com.

Our Goals

On April 7th 2026, we will return to Brazil to serve for more years, joining a new mission front in Manacapuru, about 100 km from Manaus. From there, we’ll continue planting churches among river communities, making weekly trips to nearby villages for outreach while also traveling to Manaus for Noah’s (our son) therapy as he navigates autism. During these visits, we will strengthen evangelism and discipleship efforts already underway. My wife will homeschool our children, support village outreach, and help with kids’ programs, while I focus on teaching, discipling, and preparing for each trip. In the coming years, we hope to reach many with the gospel through regular Bible studies, trusting God to use this open door among the river people.