



Project: Jarú

Overview:

Jarú is a city located in the state of Rondonia near the border of Bolivia. This is an area that suffers the effects of the exploitation of the Amazon, ever since the rubber boom days. This city is a couple hours north of the capitol of Porto Velho along the road that leads to Manaus.

The Methodist church in Jarú is very active and has 92 members and received support for the purchase of property in the 2003 National Missionary Offering.

Project Summary

The Jarú Methodist church wants to build three classrooms and bathrooms to develop a community service project. The building already has a roof but does not have exterior walls or internal divisions.

Project Needs

The local church is energetic and seeks to reach out to the community through a program for children. To build the classrooms and make the bathrooms, it needs \$4,000. They would like to receive a work team that would help them with the construction, but would also like to include activities, such as a Vacation Bible school, for the children.

Logistics

International travel to Jarú would pass through Porto Velho. It is easiest to get to this capitol city through São Paulo but can also be done through Manaus (at the heart of the Amazon). Travel from Porto Velho to Jarú would be by bus.

Jarú has some modern conveniences. Being in the Amazon region, it offers a close look at the reality of this area and the social problems the church faces. Tours of the Amazon itself should include Manaus which offers a rich view of the history, river and wildlife.

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