



# Lifeline International

*Proclaiming Truth, Providing Help*

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## THE MARUBO INDIAN TRIBE



**Lifeline International has been supplying materials for the first evangelical church building among the Marubo people.** The Marubo tribe live in the Javari Valley region where the vast majority of Brazil's uncontacted indigenous peoples are concentrated.

Estimated at 1,200, the Marubo is the biggest tribe in the Javari region. During the rubber boom of the 20th century, the Marubo were the first indigenous people in the Javari to make contact with outsiders. But from 1938 to 1950 they were nearly forgotten.

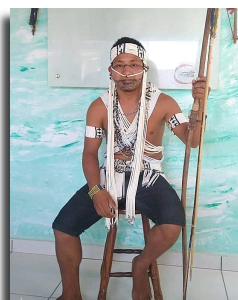


Until the 1970s, the Javari Valley was a wild and lawless area with tribal warfare, murder and abduction of women. Outside contacts allowed the Marubo Indians to

obtain shotguns and to this day the Marubo Indians dominate all the other tribes in the Javari.

It became necessary for the Brazilian government to enter the area and end the cycle of abductions and reprisals. The National Indian Foundation is the official agency that executes the Brazilian Government's indigenous policy. **The agency has prevented the entry of missionaries and other religious bodies.**

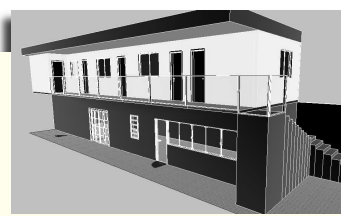
One of the indigenous people from the Marubo tribe, migrated from this isolated region to a city closest to his village; traveling by canoe along the Javari River. He had the opportunity to receive theological training and a technical course in the field of nursing in Rio de Janeiro. Being one of the local indigenous people, he was able to return to his tribe to do gospel work. He has sent Tama, one of his converts to be trained at the Rio de Janeiro seminary base.



Last December, we met Tama while doing our site training; teaching a class on the Holy Spirit. **During our visit He was baptized in water and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit!**

He is now in his final year of schooling and will return to evangelize, disciple and plant new churches among the Marubo and neighboring tribes.

Plans have been drawn and estimates are being calculated for dormitories to be built at the school so more students can come from these tribes to be trained. **It looks like another worthy project for Lifeline International!**



# Holiday Giving Projects

Mission Projects are a popular way to donate because it enables the donor to see specifically where their gift is applied. They give the donor a personal connection to the ones they are helping. For over 30 years in 65 nations, the variety of projects supplied in Project Giving includes water wells, church buildings, vehicles, bicycles, sewing machines, bibles and literature, school supplies, musical equipment, computers, sponsorships and more. This year we even supplied five goats for a young evangelist to provide a source of income while he plants a church in a remote Chinese village!



Here is a list of needs that can be adopted:

## Bibles

We receive requests to supply thousands of bibles each year. This month we need:

- 200 Filipino bibles at **\$6 a bible**
- 1300 Telugu language for India at **\$3.50**
- 300 Hindi language for India **\$4 a bible**

## Children's Homes

Lifeline is involved with several homes for Children. Here are some of the present needs:

- Mosquito sleeping nets for a child- **\$10 each**
- School transportation for the children of God's Eye Children's home - **\$2,000**
- A full size Automobile for the mission - **\$13,700**
- Any designated donation will provide blankets, mosquito nets, food, school supplies, Christmas gifts and general monthly expenses.
- Child sponsorships for the Shalom Children's home are **\$45 a month**.



## Humanitarian Needs

- Water wells for Africa and India **\$1,100**



- Sewing machines and training course for Indian women - **\$100**



- Bicycles for village pastors  
Africa: **\$175** and India: **\$ 100**

Non-designated donations of any amount are used in our monthly work to support native church planters, filling bible requests, financing evangelistic outreach, and other current needs.

We strive to be discerning in our distribution of resources and favor a "Hand up" rather than a "Hand out" approach as we consider needs.



Dear friends,

**This month we welcome the arrival of Charlotte Rae Buchanan, our 4th grandchild! She came in at 9 lb 10 oz! Mama and baby are doing fine.**



Because her daddy will be deployed with the military for the next five months, Susan will be with them part of that time to help carry the load of a newborn and a 3 year old granddaughter.

Susan has phased out of her responsibilities as a part time staff member at our local church in order to fill the grandparent role. She is also free to pursue ministry in a new capacity.

**As we close out another year of ministry, we are very thankful for the love and support you have sent our way in 2022.**

We are strong, healthy and eager to take on new challenges and opportunities in 2023. **We pray you will also have a blessed new year in the Lord!**

*Happy Holidays,*

*Bill & Susan*