

New Lifer News



Dear New Lifer

Below this letter written by Pastor Bob See, you will find a note from Dave Ripper in which he announces that he has stepped down from serving as an elder at New Life.

It seems strange not having Dave sitting at the table as the elders meet – after all he has been an elder at New Life for 11 years. During that time Dave was very engaged in his role, assisting with many projects and initiating several new changes for our church. He takes his call as an elder seriously, with a constant desire to protect the church and please Christ in all our actions and decisions as elders. Dave often had a unique perspective on difficulties that the elders were working through and often God worked through him to bring discernment to decisions that had to be made. When I personally am struggling or feel beat up by ministry or feel defeated, Dave Ripper is one person I know I can go to and be encouraged and strengthened – he did that for me many times while he served as an elder.

Dave asks that we pray for him as he moves from this ministry into the next call God has for him. I also ask that you pray for him, that he will have clarity from the Lord as to what Jesus' next assignment is for him. I suspect Dave will play a significant role in our body as New Life looks to expanding our efforts at reaching people for Jesus Christ.

Please take a moment and let Dave know you appreciate the dedication he maintained and the sacrifices he made while serving as an elder. It is a very tough job and he walked the wall for the church for 11 years. I Peter 5:2ff calls elders to “be shepherds of flock” , shepherds who truly care for the people in the church – for 11 years Dave fulfilled that calling. Thank you Dave!
— Bob

A Note to the Body of Christ that meets at New Life Christian Church:

Because of a hip replacement and other events this note is a little late coming and I apologize for that. I hope you will forgive me for the lateness.

I have served as a New Life Elder for the last eleven years and this year in September I decided to resign. I wanted to tell you that I appreciated the opportunity to be your Elder and help accomplish, along with everyone, things New Life has completed over the last eleven years. I have seen us grow from 300-400 in attendance to 600-700. We have bought buildings and built large additions on our existing building. While this is some of the larger physical things, more importantly I have seen several people start knowing Jesus and serving Jesus. I have noticed times when you gave your money, time, and effort to make it better for others. To make a place where the growing Body of Christ could meet, worship Jesus, and grow in the knowledge of Him.

I am currently praying, and would ask you to pray with me also, about what the Lord would have me do in this next season of my life.

Again, thank you for the last eleven years of support.

Dave Ripper

AMAZON SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP



Manaus, Brazil - Jan 27th – Feb 5th, 2011

Estimated cost of trip = \$ 1,850

(For regular attendees of NLCC, the trip cost may be partially subsidized)

Purpose of trip: To assist and partner with the missionaries supported by New Life in Manaus, Brazil. Ministries will include, involvement with our missionaries, Wilson & Lori Kannenberg, (Asas de Socorro- "Wings of Hope," and Ray of Hope (Gloria Santos)

- You will go out on a Regional Boat and do some CAMP's, with Ray of Hope
- Installation of water filters in homes in the jungle
- Painting of a church
- Ministry in the poor areas of Manaus (favalas)



In the City/Evangelism/Services:

Manaus is a major city that 2 million people call home. It is the "only" city for an area three (3) times the size *of Texas* for people to come and purchase their needs. Eyeglasses, groceries, "anything." You can buy many of the similar items you will find in the States.



MANAUS - AMAZON SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1 -2: Travel days:

Transfer to a city hotel and rest until noon. Balance of the day, you will shop for your Brazilian "Serta" mattress (hammock), supplies for going into the Interior and making preparations on the boat
Enjoy the city, for the balance of the day.

Days 3 -5: Launch" into the Interior (Amazon) by large boat (like a house boat).

Small canoes (25') will also be taken. During the day, we will take some people in small canoes into villages, doing a CAMPS (Christ As My Personal Savior). Also delivering bio-sand water filters and doing health & hygiene training. Also possibly working on painting a church. All will return to sleep on the houseboat, which will be our base. Unless someone really wants to "experience the *indoors*", you will sleep in hammocks, outside on the decks of the boat (some say the best sleep they have ever had)
Evenings, a church service, alligator hunting, and sharing.

Day 6: Back to Manaus – Stop and do some Piranha fishing, eat at floating restaurant, and back to town check in at hotel.

Days 6- 8: Tour of ministries such as water filter plant, airplane ministry, etc. and involvement with missionaries. Assist Missionaries and local church. Evening, one or two church service, or just small meetings.

Day 9: Returning to the States.

NOTES

- Recommended immunizations include but not limited to, Hepatitis A & B, Malaria (pills), and Tetanus. Brazil does NOT require a shot record to enter the country.
- An entry Visa IS required. (It is \$175.00 as of 9/09) Not included in trip cost.
- A passport is mandatory.
- Generally in good health, and not limited in walking is a requirement.
- In August the rivers should be "up" allowing us to get back into the many tributaries in the Amazon. Temperatures will be in the upper 80's and 90's. Humidity is usually always around 90 - 100%. It is similar to a good old hot July in Illinois.
- For those being "called" to go, there will be informational meetings, packing suggestions, prayer preparation, and some limited training.
- Contact Jennifer Navas – 444-7597-W for more details