



## Heading for the Amazon!

by Michael Harms

**Next Friday, March 5, I will be joining a New Life mission team and heading for Manaus, Brazil.** This will be my second trip to the Amazon, my first being in November, 2005. This trip is special because I will be taking a large part of my immediate family. Peg, Lindsey, Chelli and David Look will be going for the first time. Also, extended family member Larry Pope and my former boss from St. Louis, Scott Wessel will be rounding out the crew. We will be joining another family unit including Jennifer Navas, daughter Jessica and Jessica's fiancé CJ Conger. Dennis Sohn will be our leader and we are confident of his ability, as he has been to Brazil numerous times.

Why Brazil, why the Amazon? As a church, New Life has numerous connections with this part of the world. One of our own, former elder Ken Reuter, and his family have been serving the Lord for several years now, helping to spread the gospel message to the people along the Amazon River. Also, New Life has made a commitment to be a part of bringing fresh water to needy people around the globe.

**One of our trip highlights will be a boat ride up the Amazon and Negro Rivers visiting villages of indigenous people, bringing bio-sand water filters to provide them with fresh water, and presenting the gospel message to bring them Living Water.**

We will be partnering with Ray of Hope, putting on CAMPS (Christ As My Personal Savior), and ministering to the needs of children and families in the jungle. We expect to participate in the building of a church which is currently under construction, and to be able to visit other mission organizations that New Life supports, including the aviation ministry ASAS de Socorro (Wings of Help). We will also see where the water filters are being assembled and prepared for distribution.

**One key stop will be a visit to inspect progress on the construction of the boat Nova Vida.** This boat's funding has come primarily from New Life and her members, and will be a tremendous asset to the successful distribution of water filters, building supplies, and missionary workers into some of the most remote waters of the Amazon.

**I would like to ask all of New Life to include us in your prayers. We have an expectancy to see God move mightily in us and through us as we humbly walk in obedience to His call. Pray for our safety but even more; pray that lives in the Amazon would be changed because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit.**

You can expect a report upon our return!



# High Seas Expedition - Exploring the Mighty Love of God

by Laura Walters

## Vacation Bible School 2010 June 14-18, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

What is there to tell about VBS? If you have been a part of the New Life body for very long, you know that this is one of the biggest, if not THE biggest, evangelistic events we do for kids. At a glance, VBS is 150 kids and 100 adults coming together for a powerful and fun week of learning Bible stories, playing games, worshipping through music and dancing, and GROWING CLOSER TO GOD.

This week takes TONS of manpower and time, but we believe it's worth it! Right now we are building the leadership team for VBS, 2010. If you are interested in being a part, please contact Laura Walters, this year's VBS director, for more details.

This is an opportunity for our whole church body to work together to provide a life-changing week for a bunch of kids (and some adults too!). You really won't want to miss out on a chance to be a part of it. Sign up now! Call or email Laura, 266-9050, or email at [laurawalters@newlifeonline.org](mailto:laurawalters@newlifeonline.org).

