



MISSIONARY PROFILE

Deimerson Venâncio

PAUINI TEAM, AMAZONAS, BRAZIL

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Deimerson Ferreira Venâncio (30)

Alissandra Souza Mesquita (23)

Children: Ana (6), Wallace (4), Chris (3), Derick (4 m.)

Deimerson was born (1995) and raised in Kacuri, a riverside community along the Purus river. By the age of 18 he moved to Pauini, the nearest town, for studying, attending the local Catholic church in the town.

During those days, he heard a conversation between a believer friend and a girl. The believer said that there were no saints mentioned in the Bible, but Jesus Christ.

Deimerson decided to study the Bible, looking for other saints apart of Jesus Christ, but couldn't find any. That was an eye opener for him.

In 2019, almost 7 years living in Pauini, he moved back to Kacuri, where the EMAF missionaries were preaching already, and the word preached by Eduardo was touching him. He heard the gospel, but in his words, "his hard heart" didn't melt before the Lord.

In the first days of 2020, Deimerson was infected with Covid and was terribly ill. These are his words: *"I was in very bad health during those days, and prayed: - Lord if you take care of me in this difficult time and take me out of this problem, if I manage to win, when I get well I will accept the*

Lord Jesus as my Saviour. I was talking to God, but without knowledge. By His grace, glory and mercy the Lord answered me. I got better and I told my mother that I believed and wanted to serve God. Pastor Eduardo passed in my house in those days, shared the gospel with me and I gave my life to Jesus in prayer."

Missionary Call:

As soon as I was converted, God awakened in my heart a desire to preach the Gospel to others. I was inspired by the missionaries, preaching the Gospel with such dedication and love; I saw something special there.

At that moment, God confirmed in my heart that I also needed to do that. That, just as He had reached me through someone who came from far away, others could receive the Gospel preached by me, to the people of our region, to the indigenous villages with so many needs and to the riverside communities.

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God placed in my heart such an intense desire to proclaim the grace of Jesus, to preach the Gospel to people who had not yet known Christ, that I understood that if one day the missionaries left here to preach elsewhere, the Gospel would not stop being preached to my people, with love and dedication. I want to spread the gospel where Jesus is not known yet.

Training/Qualification

- Moved to Pauini for studies up to high school
- CEFAS course (1 year of Basic Theology)
- Missionary Training (walking with the missionaries, helping to share the gospel in preaching in several communities for five years)
- Mission School (1 year training program created by Global Disciples and adapted by EMAF) - the best training center we have ever put together for training natives to reach their own people
- Mission Project - intensive evangelism and discipleship week course, plus 3 weeks of practice
- Basic Computer Course
- Facilitator in Community Participatory Diagnostic Tool (trained to gather a community to help them to understand their problems and potentials, also training in health decision-making processes and how to apply the decisions in an effective way)
- Water Preservation Training (training on the best ways to get clean water in a community)

Future goals:

- To reach hard-to-reach villages
- Plant churches in the communities and villages where we are working

Support Consideration:

Eduardo, the area leader in Pauini, Amazonas, believes that Deimerson is a good name for the church, and he said: *“Marcio, I have been training this man for five years, and I see how honest in his character is in hard contexts, in trials; always at peace with following what Jesus would do. He is also constant at church, always there. He is an amazing communicator, an encourager when he speaks. He also has the respect of the community. He loves to learn. And what is very important for us is that he is native, and he has a special call to reach the tribal people.”*

When he finished the course we imported from Global Disciples last year, he put together a team and led them, not only to reach other communities of his own tribe, Kacuri, but also reaching the Aponirã, another tribal group into the jungle. That was all his initiative; it had nothing with the missionaries we (EMAF) sent to the area. So we think that this is the one that you will enjoy supporting. He needs the support, and he is a model in reaching out to his people, and is a leader in gathering a team. He really has a calling.

Alissandra's Testimony

I used to live in a community not far from Kacuri. I worked with children there, as a catechist for the Catholic church.

Eventually I married Deimerson and came to live in Kacuri, at a time when the MEAP missionaries were already evangelizing us and holding services in the community. We both were attending most of those meetings.

In one of those days, my heart was challenged by the message. They said that there is no other saint in the Bible, but Jesus Christ, but I believed in several saints at that point.

I began reading the Bible much more than before and attending all the services with my heart open to the Word of God.

Eventually, as I reading the Bible, I was deeply touched and convinced that there was only one Saint before God, His beloved Son, and I surrendered to Jesus, believing in him with all my heart and rejecting my old beliefs.

Alissandra's Call

My calling happened at my conversion. Right there I felt a calling from the Lord — do you know that great joy of sharing with others what Jesus has done in your life?! I kept thinking that Jesus had sent His missionaries from far away, to here, the far Amazon, to spread the Word. And that's how I was reached, through the missionaries who shared the Word with me. I also wanted to be a missionary for my people, a preacher of the Word of God.

My desire is to go out and tell everyone what Jesus did in my life, to talk about how great His love is, how sweet His love is and how it allowed us to live in His presence.

I started proclaiming as soon as I got saved and this is what I have been doing until today with my life.

What I do...

- I teach kids and lead de children's ministry at my local church (Kacuri)
- I teach kids in other communities on our weekly missions trips
- I'm part of the worship team at my local church and on the mission trips
- I evangelize the people leaving in the riverside and indigenous communities.
- I lead a prayer circle at my local church.

Training

- Missionary Project (evangelism theory and practice)
- CEFAS course (Basic Theology)
- Training for Children's Bible Teaching
- EMAF Missionary Training Centre
- Basic Computer Course
- Training for Children's Ministry Leadership

Deimerson and Alessandra have been trained for over 5 years, being part of our EMAF-Pauini-area team for three years, with a powerful and consistent testimony in Kacuri, and being respected in the other communities we reach.