

## Good Morning From Vietnam

For four of the five years that the Presbyterian Church of Vietnam has existed, ROW has been supporting the ministry of these brave Christians and their illegal, underground church. The following is a story from Wuk following a recent trip.

“Our group has been here for a week today! What a fascinating experience. The people here are so eager for God’s work.

Yesterday we spent the day in a leper colony on an island out from Danang. We distributed clothes, toys, candy, blankets and love! We also carried vitamins for the children, rice and noodles and two large bags of medical items. They were so appreciative.

Please pray as we continue today to share the love in our hearts with this country and its people. We are followed by the government but so far have not been delayed too much.

Thanks for your prayer support for Rivers of the World!”

Wuk

## Ministry News From Belize

Nick Beazley, Senior Field/THROW Director, was in Belize in early November where he met with Brainerd August in San Ignacio.

“He is part of an amazing ministry that is working for the Lord and free of the problems we have with other groups in Belize. To say that Brainerd is a breath of fresh air is the understatement of the year,” said Nick.

“This work in San Ignacio is a great chance to grow more work in the Cayo District and send teams to Belize. If you have a group of folks that is interested in heading to Belize to do church planting, evangelism, revivals, and/or working with the school at Billy White, then Brainerd is our man. The trips are relatively easy to plan, and the ministry will change your life.”

Nick has a video clip on **YouTube** featuring Brainerd explaining his ministry and a church that he needs help building. To see this video, go to

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c17bxvsUEA>

## As we look back on 2006, there are so many victories!

- New church construction in Honduras, Belize, Vietnam, and Brazil!
- Our “It’s Time” evangelism program was launched in nine countries.
- We prayed with and preached to our Marines in Iraq.
- We finished the hospital and christened a new ship in Congo.
- We broke ground on an orphanage in Kenya.



While large numbers are impressive, it’s the individual victories that stay in our heart.

■ An elderly homeless woman came to our eyeglass clinic in Bolivia. When fit with a pair of prescription glasses, she reached into a paper bag and pulled out a piece of cloth and a sewing needle. She began to sew and cry at the same time. Losing her eyesight meant that she lost her home and her job as a seamstress. Her new glasses enabled her to get her job, her home, and her self esteem back!

■ The young boy would not come into Vacation Bible School in Belize. He was bare-footed and ashamed of his poverty. When our volunteers recognized that he had cut his foot severely, our nurse bandaged his foot. In an act of humble compassion, she then removed the shoes from her feet, and placed them on the feet of the little boy. The next day, he joyfully joined the other children in our VBS program!

**We must start NOW to raise the funds our staff needs to complete the missions before us! In just a few months, ROW will need to deliver over \$150,000 to mission outposts around the world. These funds will feed the poor, share the Gospel, and heal the sick. There is no end in sight to our work! Please, today, pray about a serious year end/year beginning gift to ROW.**



- We added kitchens to orphanages in Vietnam.
- We built an eyeglass factory in Bolivia.
- On October 20, the church in Vietnam became legal and free!
- We showed the “Jesus Film” and distributed thousands of Bibles and ROW t-shirts.
- We completed our first national television show.
- Our radio program reaches over 4 million listeners in the US and Africa.



*Did you know that 40% of the world cannot read? How will those folks hear the Word of God? We have the answer. ROW and Megavoice are distributing digital Bibles to the mission field. About the size of an iPod, our Bibles come in English, Spanish, and Swahili, with many more languages to come! With their built-in speaker, as many as 20 can hear at once. Best of all, they are SOLAR POWERED and we know the batteries will last 3 years. We can share scripture in a remote village setting and then re-charge the Bible using the sun! These Bibles cost us \$50 delivered to the mission field. PLEASE! We need thousands of these. Ask your church, class, Sunday School, or mission club to help us provide solar powered digital Bibles for a hurting world! A video from Belize about this project is available on our website: [www.row.org](http://www.row.org)!*

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## ROW's Work in Congo

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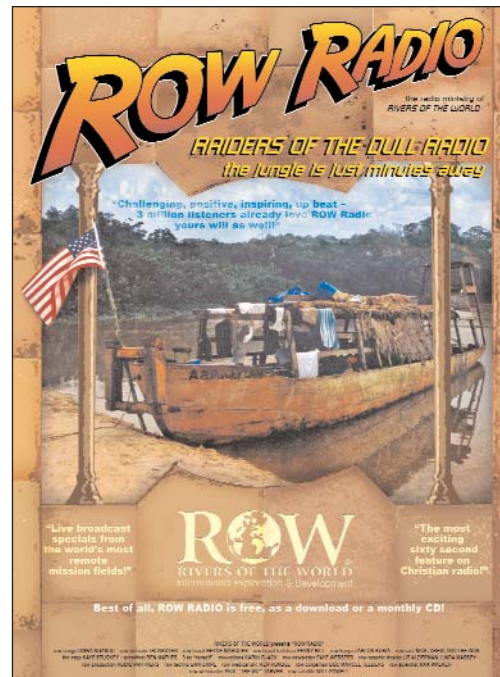
Because we had too much to do this year building the Boat Maman Mickie, I left Papa Akula and Shamba at Lusambo . They have to work with health zone of Lusambo to do vaccination on people up and down river Sankuru.

We were feeding the poor as they have nothing to eat .We were buying rice, beans, oil, soap, and some mats for them to sleep on and some clothing for them to wear and to cover as it is sometimes cool.

As I left them, I went to Kinshasa, Goma, Jomba and to Idwji where I had been invited to preach in the team which Dr.Latham and Dr.Ben Mathes organized. I also helped them with the medicines as treatment for no payment because the people are very poor and to feed them with the word of God in Congo.



The people of Lusambo were so happy, Thanks to ROW for all it is doing to help the people. As the Lord Jesus said, "Love one another as yourself."



## Radio! TV! Podcasts! You-Tube! It's Easy to Keep Up With ROW!

ROW radio is on the grow! 3 and Ben have been busy meeting station managers across the South to promote ROW-Radio. If ROW is not on your local Christian radio station, call and let us send them a free poster and CD, "ROW Radio Raiders of the Dull Radio!"

ROW's first TV show has been a huge success! We partnered with **Don** and **Cheryl Barber** of "Good News" TV to produce a reality show about life on our ship in Brazil! Keep watching as we appear on **iLife**, **Faith TV**, **INSP** and other cable networks!

Two NEW Devotion books! **ROWvotions 1 & 2** by **Ben Mathes** and **Karin Clack** will offer readers uplifting, positive, and grace-filled daily devotions appropriate for any age! Check out the web or call for copies at just \$10 each! (See special Promo Code on page 3).

Start the New Year with **Wired Parish!** 3 and Ben can be heard podcasting on **wiredparish.com**, a subscription based web site. Great Christian thinkers and challenging content! Check it out!

It's a blessing to be able to hear Ben Mathes on the radio or have him guest preach at church, but now you can see AND hear Ben on **YouTube!** Rivers of the World is on **YouTube**, so it is now quicker and easier to see what ROW has been doing around the world. To visit ROW's channel, either go to: <http://www.youtube.com/RiversOftheWorld> or search for Rivers of the World in YouTube's search box!

## New ROW Ministry Effort

On December 27th, **ROW Trustee, Jon Haskell** and six others returned to Honduran Mosquito Coast and traveled up the Rio Platano. This is the second trip into the last remaining pristine rain forest in Central America to look for opportunities for future ROW missions. On the trip last year up the Rio Patuca, the group discovered medical, educational, and spiritual growth opportunities for our growing Honduran program.

This trip will depart from Brus Laguna, a small fishing village on the Mosquito Coast. The group's guide will be Diego Vargas, a Mosquito Minister. Diego, who helped ROW on the last trip, is well acquainted with the region and has contacts in this remote region.

While these trips are very extemporaneous in nature, the principal goal is to get to Las Marias, some 10 hours from Brus Laguna. Traveling in a 30-foot dugout canoe with outboard motor, the group will transport medicine and school supplies to the village. ROW had received word that the clinic at Las Marias is in desperate need of supplies. The group will also bring educational supplies to Pastor Vargas's church and school in Brus Laguna.

This remote village, is occupied by the Pech and Mosquito people. It is believed that the Pech people were the original inhabitants of what is now Honduras, having migrated from South America millennia ago. While in the region, the group will hike and camp at a Pre-Columbian ruin and savor the jungle animal life. The region has a plentiful supply of Crocodiles and the deadly viper Fer de Lance, so great care is being taken to have a safe trip.

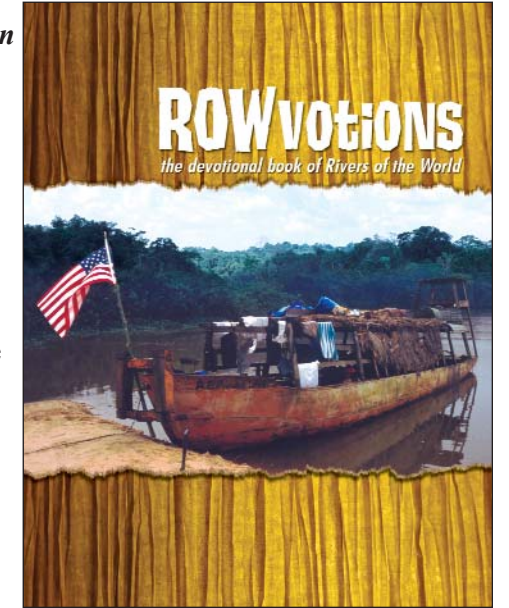
ROW's travels in the jungle area are designed to establish contacts and logistics for getting medical students and volunteers, from the medical clinic in Taulabe. The clinic is still under construction, but once open, it will serve as a base of operation for medical groups to venture into La Moskita region.

The people in this region are in need of eyeglasses, dental, and medical attention. Anyone interested in establishing a trip that can address these needs, should contact Jon Haskell ([Jon@row.org](mailto:Jon@row.org)) or Ben Mathes ([Ben@row.org](mailto:Ben@row.org)).

## ROWvotions, the first of a series of ROW devotional books has been released!

ROW's own **Ben Mathes** and **Karin Clack** have compiled 30 devotions offering Scripture, insights, and a moment to ponder from the world of ROW!

This is a great gift idea or a "thank you" for our donors! For your gift of \$25 (or more!!!) we will send you a copy of ROWvotions #1!



Be sure to put promo code #1001 on the memo line of your check and we will send this new work to you!

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## More Scenes from Congo!

