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THE NEW TEMPLE IS COMING



RESTARTING OF THE NEW TEMPLE'S CONSTRUCION

It's all settled! The building of the New Temple has started again. The foundation and columns had already been completed. An administrative and logistical operation began two years ago, with the ICEFLU branch office in São Paulo hiring a professional team and a construction company.

PADRINHO NEL'S FAREWELL



PADRINHO NEL LEFT US ON MAY, 16TH, LEAVING MANY PRECIOUS LESSONS.

Discipline, labor and dedication to the Doctrine will forever be in the hearts of those who have known him.

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CELEBRATION TO OUR COMMANDER



VIVA O PADRINHO VALDETE! VIVA OUR COMMANDER!

On December,7th , 2017, a great party was made celebrating Padrinho Valdete and Madrinha Dodô birthday.

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SUSTAINABILITY



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EDITORIAL

A BRAND NEW JORNAL DO CÉU

Jornal do Céu is back, and full of good news!

With the support of ICEFLU office in São Paulo and ISAVIÇOSA team, the collaboration of the graphic designer Ipojucã Villas Boas and the photographer Iberê Périssé. And now, under the coordination of IDARIS Communication Department.

Many important events, for our doctrine and for Vila Céu do Mapiá, are happening, especially the construction of our new temple.

In this edition, the reader will follow the progress of the construction of our church, as well as some of the actions promoted by AmaGaia Program, and many other good news.

In the final preparations to this edition, sad news: the passage of dear Padrinho Nel. Then, we made a tribute to this great man, by telling a little about of his life.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who collaborates with Jornal do Céu, also those who help spreading the good news of our community, and Madrinhas Rita and Julia, Padrinhos Alfredo and Valdete, and all readers.

Enjoy it!

EXPEDIENTE

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RICE FOR HARVEST AND REJOICING IN THE FOREST

March 20, 2018. Fall equinox. The Southern Cross constellation rises at 6 PM. Three planets are visible, close to Scorpio. In the second half of the night-Jupiter, Mars and Saturn. Abundant rains, in accordance with the forecasts made on January 2nd and 3rd. In the forest: Pequi fruit, Brazil nuts, palm fruit, açaí, cocoa, tucum fruits and andiroba fatten tortoises, tapirs, pacas, birds, insects. From all of these, oil is extracted in the households and in the COOPERAR program, with Naldo, Geraldo and Zé Camillo conducting great experiments.



Plantations in agroforestry plots and backvards quarantee the forest remains upright and the fauna remains protected. Papaya, banana, cupuaçu, oranges and other fruits guarantee rich sources of vitamins for the humans. Autumn is furthermore marked by the harvest of grains. At the Fazenda and in Mapiá, collective workdays of family and friends get moving and become joyful. Under the blue sky the song of birds, passing rains and other adventures. Padrinho Alfredo accompanies the organization of the fieldwork and planting. He even arrives to participate in the end of the harvest. Almir takes the lead, and with friends they dry and store the precious grain, It's the celebration of the rice, when everything gets better. Group therapy with relaxation, prose, meetings, expressing of feelings, tears, smiles, interaction, breathing; hippie-style shirts and Dr. Leo Christo are notable presences in body energy unblocking sessions. Bioenergetic Therapy. Hymns, mantras, primal yells are all part of the dynamic. Ahhh Rá. Oommmm.... Restorative Justice, practiced by Sebastião Mota upon creation of the Disciplinary Ethics Counsel - CED - finds reinforcement with the work of lawyers Felipe Alcure and Henrique, having arrived from Curitiba, bringing modern psychology resources and a positive interpretation of the laws. Thoughts of healing, employment, treatments, prayers and other nonviolent resources can be linked up with the treatment of addictions, imperfections and wickedness. José Corrente is the president of the CED, and meetings generate plans for assistance with community security. Sustainable projects shall bring educational employment with scholarship grants and participation by young apprentices. Francimar arrives at the São José Vocational School with knowledge, machines and tools and teaches the techniques for construction of musical instruments like guitars, ukeleles, acoustic bass etc.

A project conceived for the youths but which has also attracted adults that, with more concentration, are able to learn the types of wood, transform and construct ten more instruments. Professor Francimar is content with having achieved the goal and plans to return with an alternative strategy. The Center for Medicine of the Forest (CMF) mobilizes to accept and support 6 more young interns. Two days a week they will visit the fields, collect and dry plants, produce cuttings, tonics, homeopathic and floral remedies, participate in meetings, assemblies and other activities of forest citizenship. Efficient microorganisms creators of oxygen and of the atmosphere, are being implemented in Mapiá. Collected in the forest and cultured at home or in the laboratory. Their use, already well established in many countries, is a fundamental characteristic of organic agriculture. Among us, this technology is already being practiced in composting, in the ornamental gardens, vegetable gardens, orchards, earthworm farms, and septic systems and can be found activated in the form of liquid fertilizer, humus compost and diverse homeopathies. The group with 6 young interns is already developing these techniques in collaboration with the Vista Alegre farm and the CMF in cooperative activities, the "Micro Vida Vista Alegre." The church construction project brings the need for detailed organization. Over a year and a half, the conclusion of the project by the São Paulo-based company will bring abnormal traffic with the arrival of large trucks, construction machinery, specialized workers. Dona Regina summons women for the General Kitchen and other professional activities to support the construction work, quaranteeing help with living expenses by means of sustainable actions. The Tenda da Lua Branca (Lua Branca tent-the provisional geodesic church in Mapiá) already has its days numbered. It will be fondly remembered. The spiritual works in this coming winter probably will be held in the terreiro of the Santa Casa, the Madrinha Julia Music House, the Star House of Padrinho Sebastião and on the patios of Padrinho Nel and Madrinha Rita. She who is bursting with tenderness. lucidity, and advice. She gives advice to the mothers, asks about the lives of their children, and reminds the children to respect their parents. Never lacking humor, happiness and keen insight.

Padrinho Alfredo is in all the spiritual works and does not tire of travelling and spreading the Doctrine. World in transformation, crises growing larger, solutions presenting themselves. Community grows. It becomes clearer and clearer what Sebastião Mota referred to when he spoke of the end of the System, and the New Dimension proclaims: "What Papai told me, Mamãe confirmed. New world, new people, new age and a new Professor."

João Paz - Nave Espacial (Spaceship)



PADRINHO ALFREDO GREGÓRIO DE MELO SPEECH



Padrinho Alfredo

Dear brothers, sisters and directors of all the Churches connected to Padrinho Sebastião and Madrinha Rita, in my current administration, at this moment, asking for the blessing of the Divine Creator and begging our respect and understanding, for the natural flow of the Divinity represented by all the planets, stars and eternity.

May these blessings be poured out like the Amazon rain, refined by the forest considered the lung of our planet, Mother Earth, to all our churches, as well as for those, alone or in family, who is part of the people of St. John, Jesus Christ, the Virgin of the Conception and the Holy Spirit represented by Juramidam.

During this period of great movement in Vila Céu do Mapiá, our regret for the passage of Padrinho Nel to spirituality. May he be with Padrinho Sebastião and continue working with us in spirit, and may be flowing for all the family and friends good advice and good directions toward a good community life, with a lot of wisdom about a sustainable life as it was his effort in life as Padrinho Manoel Gregório da Silva.

I am thankful to all brotherhood from all churches, and I invite everyone to comprehend and contribute to the organization of all the positive actions related to central administration of our Mother Church of the Forest and our community Padrinho Sebastião Mota de Melo:

I wish that everyone may be able to follow the importance of the expansion for the perpetuation of our Doctrine for us and for the new generations.

Understand the efforts of the Alfredo Gregório de Melo administration, the reforestation projects of our Jagube and our Rainha, the wood needed for our fire, and the maintenance of Casa de Feitio, all these according to the legal requirements to the use our Santo Daime. There may be plenty of divine protection so that everyone can afford the sums stipulated for the proper values, and costs from the seed to Sacramento, from the health care assistance and to praises of our spiritual mission.

Hoping that you all receive, with love, our Mother Church's gratitude and its expectation of the supportive correspondence from every church and from all the users of our Sacrament. In the radiance of the Full Moon of May, month of Mary, I thank you on behalf of all Padrinhos and Madrinhas, and brothers involved in this spiritual and material enlightenment for the whole brotherhood, the People of Juramidam.

PADRINHO ALFREDO RELEASES ANOTHER BOOK IN VERSE



AFTER WRITING ABOUT SEBASTIÃO MOTA DE MELO'S LIFE AND TELLING THE STORY OF JURUÁ, IN TWO BOOKS VERSED IN CORDEL STYLE (A REGIONAL WRITING STYLE OF NORTHERN BRAZIL), PADRINHO ALFREDO IS RELEASING ANOTHER BOOK: "AMAZÔNIA".

In this book, he tells a little about his knowledge of the forest in which he was born and raised. Padrinho Alfredo also gives us precious spitirual lessons.

Easy to read and pleasant, it can be found at the Santo Daime churches, and at the "Casa de Ofícios Madrinha Tetê", in Vila Céu do Mapiá.





AMVCM TAKES PART IN IMPORTANT EVENTS

THE ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS OF VILA CÉU DO MAPIÁ - AMVCM PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL EVENTS, AIMING FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY AND FLONA PURUS.

In 2017, AMVCM was represented at the Seminar on Integrated Management, in Porto Velho-RO, conducted by the International Institute of Education of Brazil - IIEB. In 2018, AMVCM went to Brasília, in meetings with ICMBio. In the meetings were discussed: the concession of a landing strip in the village, "Gleba Puruini" where Mapiá is located, and liberation of the Real Right of Use Concession Contract (CCDRU), document which will give residents the right to use the area they live in and that will remain for their descendants. In Brasilia, AMVCM participated in the National Workshop about "Bolsa Verde" Program and the Reduction of Deforestation in behalf of Conservation Units, promoted by the Ministry of Environment - MMA and the Amazon Environmental Research Institute (IPAM), which brought together representatives from Conservation Units - UCs from all over the country. The event showed the results of the workshop held last year in Rio Branco-AC, in which the areas of deforestation detected by satellite in the Units were presented. In this workshop, solutions for the threats were discussed and suggestions for a new project from the MMA - "Bolsa Verde" Program.



Participants of the GA's Beneficiary Profile



Felipe Simas, Paula Caubianco, Fernando LaRoque, Alex Polari, Paulo Roberto e Gabriela Mendes representing Céu do Mapiá in a meeting with ICMBio

The good news for Flona Purus was the comparison between the percentages of deforestation in the two reports presented, showing that in 2014, Flona Purus was responsible for 1% of total deforestation in all PAs, in 2016 this percentage dropped to 0.16%. Another positive aspect was that the causes of the deforestation are linked to the necessary agricultural forest management, and it has not caused damage to the environment, since the areas have been reforested through Agroforestry Systems - SAFs.Together with representatives of Cooperar, AMVCM integrated the "Grupo de Acompanhamento" (GA) of the Beneficiary Profile carried out by ICMBio last year in all UCs. In a communitarian meeting lasting the whole day, the population answered to several inquiries previously elaborated. After being systematized, the answers were returned and the GA, also represented by the Association of Producers of Boca Igarapé Mapiá (Fazenda São Sebastião), Association of Residents "Deus é Amor" (residents of Inauini river bank) and Secretary of Environment of Boca of Acre, concluded a Profile Briefing that will be presented to the juridical department and should guide government policies from now on. In the health area, meetings were held with the State and Municipal Health Secretariats to reform and equip our Health Center and hiring of employees. Also on the agenda: the hiring of municipal guards and environmental agents (garis), and other claims; the installation of "Luz Para Todos" Project in the Village and "Minha Casa Minha Vida Rural" Project.

TRIBUTE TO OUR BROTHER MAURO JOSÉ FARIAS

ON NOVEMBER 29TH, 2017, OUR BELOVED BROTHER MAURO JOSÉ FARIAS DIED.

He was born on July 25th, 1958 in Rio Grande do Sul. He was a great warrior of the Doctrine. He was one of Padrinho Alfredo's advisors, he was the ICEFLU secretary, also a member of the Ethical Disciplinary Council and the vice president of AMVCM. Recently, as the secretary, Mauro visited many ICEFLU churches.

During the visits, he publicized a campaign of institutional organization and membership and awareness of the duties and rights of a "fardado" from a worldwide institution such as ICEFLU.



He was always committed to show the support that ICEFLU can offer and all its necessities. Mauro left his wife Rosa, his daughters Elly, Maria Carolina and Rosa, and the stepsons Francisco and Elton. His relatives, friends and godchildren miss him, together with everyone who had the chance to get along with him.







MAPIÁ PREPARES FOR THE FIRST HARVEST OF SUSTAINABLY MANAGED FOREST WOOD



Team of the Sustainable Community Forest Management Plan of Céu do Mapia

PREPARATION AND STRENGTHENING OF FOREST MANAGEMENT

Since September last year, a team formed by Forestry Engineers, environmental professionals and residents of Vila Céu do Mapiá began to work on actions to strengthen Mapia's Sustainable Community Forest Management. This set of actions, entitled Mapiá Florestal, is part of AmaGaia Program to support sustainability in Céu do Mapiá.

The objective of Mapiá Florestal is to support and continue the process of developing multiple use of forest resources. It seeks to make harvesting possible in a balanced way, that is, respecting the forest's support capacity and, at the same time, taking care of the internal community needs regarding the use of wood. Forestry Engineer Pedro Adnet, field director, explains the activities carried out by the Mapiá Florestal team last year: "We held planning meetings with community leaders and a 15-day camp within the Forest Management Unit to measure, survey and photograph the selected trees for harvesting. In addition, we held training workshops for the youth in techniques of tree climbing, botany and dendrology" reports Adnet.

In view of the current challenge of Vila Céu do Mapiá in terms of generating job opportunities and income distribution, the solutions proposed by the project point towards adding value to what is produced in the community, and thus the development of small objects , musical instruments and other products that represent noble use of wood, which can be produced in the community and marketed locally and externally.

In addition, Community Forest Management activities are being recorded on video and by photographs, including aerial drone shots, which will be extremely useful in the process of designing Mapiá's Master Plan. It is also planned to have a book published on the timber species mostly used by the community.

IN THE BEGINNING OF JULY, MAPIÁ COMMUNITY INAUGURATES ITS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (SCFMP) WITH THE BEGINNING OF WOOD HARVEST.

Mapiá's SCFMP was approved by the Chico Mendes Institute for Conservation and Biodiversity (ICMBio), the Brazilian Federal Environmental Agency, on April 15th, 2013 and now finds the technical and socioeconomic conditions for its implementation. Forestry Engineer Pedro Christo Brandão, technical director of the SCFMP, explains that community forest management is of great importance to Mapiá, since it regulates and orders forestry activity in the community. Exploitation on a sustainable basis, such as managed exploitation, does not deplete the resources; on the contrary, it is a way of perpetuating it for future generations and generating income. "Community forest management does not only involve sawmills, but it also opens other jobs for the community, including forest inventories, which need to be constantly updated, as well as the botanical collection, which also demands a permanent team. It also demands the maintenance of a nursery, which has to produce seedlings for planting and enrichment of the areas already managed. In addition, crews dedicated to wood transportation, cooking, maintenance and cleaning of tracks and accesses are also needed. It is a productive chain.", explains the Forestry Engineer.



Arborism activity for data survey

SUPPORT TO THE STRUCTURING OF THE FOREST ENTERPRISE

Still in the process of preparation for the first harvest of wood, in the month of March, a workshop was carried out in Mapiá to strengthen and favor empowerment by members of the local Coop (COOPER-AR) and other people who will work directly with the forest management.

Promoted by AmaGaia Program and facilitated by the fardado Felipe Bannitz, coordinator of the Social and Solidarity Economy Institute - ISES, the work supports the structuring of the forest enterprise and develops advisory work in the areas of governance, decision making, investments, amongst other topics. The work of structuring the forestry enterprise is essential, so that it becomes economically sustainable and logging activity can be maintained.

Team working in the area



YOUTH FESTIVAL: "HERDEIROS DO PADRINHO"

CULTURE, FORESTRY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN CÉU DO MAPIÁ



Youth Festival: Herdeiros do Padrinho

"HERDEIROS DO PADRINHO" WAS A YOUTH FESTIVAL HELD AT VILA CÉU DO MAPIÁ, FROM JANUARY 11TH TO 21ST.

Eleven spectacular days of experiences in the four dimensions of sustainability: social, economic, ecological, and cultural. Everyone who participated was able to exchange knowledge and experience about how to live well in the forest. In a collaborative game, the youth could show their potential to dream, plan, achieve and celebrate positive changes in the community. Learning moments and forest practices, spiritual works, workshops, social technologies, music, talent show, art and lots of fun were experienced during those days. The participants were divided into four teams. They had to choose the team's name and slogan (battle cry), which were: Libra da Justiça (Balance of Justice) - "Sou luz!" (I am light!); Semente Boa (Good Seed) - "Quem planta, colhe!" (Who plants, reap!); Guardiões da Floresta (Forest Guardians) - "Herdeiros Unidos!" (Heirs United!); and Triunfo Maior (Greatest Triumph) - "Ouvir, seguir a instrução!" (Listen, follow the instruction!) The teams went through several challenging tasks, among them to figure out what was Padrinho Sebastião's heritage and what he had predicted.



Opening event of the Youth Festival

The Youth Festival "Herdeiros do Padrinho" was organized in partnership with the youth group of Céu do Mapiá, Igreja do Culto Eclético da Fluente Luz Universal (ICEFLU), Instituto Socioambiental de Viçosa (ISAVIÇOSA) / AmaGaia Program, Federal University from Viçosa (UFV), Residents' Association of Vila Céu do Mapiá (AMVCM), and supporters from around the world.

For more information, visit: facebook.com/herdeirosdopadrinho



Brigde being renovated

Each team had to choose a mission to conquer. The chosen missions were: to promote a local product fair; to organize the 35th anniversary celebration of Mapiá; to revitalize the central square; and to renovate Vô Nel's Bridge. The night of January 21st seemed magical, it was really SPECTACULAR! The starry sky and the new moon blessing the community and its 35th anniversary. As dreamed, the bridge and the square were revitalized, the fair and the party happened! The guests were invited to participate in a celebration, a tribute to the elder and young generations, in which candles were lighted in intention to the young people. Padrinho Alfredo blessed everyone with great emotion. The Irish Mandala dance were performed after this moment. Then, the raffle draw happened and soon the shows began.

The dreamed celebration became reality: colored lights, many kinds of musical styles, dances and choreography, harmony and joy. All the community together: children, youth, adults and elders having fun during a spectacular party.



Musical show celebrating Mapia's 35th Aniversary



RETAKING WORKSHOP OF AMAGAIA PROGRAM

In December 2017, about 50 residents of Céu do Mapiá - mostly representatives of various institutions and organized community groups - gathered in a workshop to update their strategic directions for community development in the four dimensions of sustainability in the light of results of the Community Development Plan - PDC (2004) and AmaGaia Course (2013). Participants also pointed out priority community sectors and projects to be reinforced and implemented in 2018, and institutions and groups responsible for them.

For each dimension of sustainability (social, economic, ecological and world view), strategic themes were indicated to guide the development of projects in the short, medium and long term.

The main result of this meeting was the alignment among participants about the actions needed to strengthen sustainability in the community, and the production of material to be used as a reference to guide actions and fundraising, utilizing the information collected. Following the workshop, the Working Groups responsible for priority actions met the support team in order to detail the implementation of the projects for this year.



Participants during the workshop

AMAGAIA PROGRAM

SUPPORTED BY ICEFLU AS A LEGACY OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CHURCH, AMAGAIA PROGRAM AIMS TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITARIAN SUSTAINABILITY OF THE CÉU DO MAPIÁ COMMUNITY (AND OTHER COMMUNITIES LINKED TO THE SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT OF PADRINHO SEBASTIÃO) THROUGH INTEGRATED ACTIONS IN THE FOUR COMMUNITY DIMENSIONS: SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, ECOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL.



The program supports the collaborative creation and management of local group projects and coordinates strategic actions for community sustainability. It brings together a multidisciplinary professional team, community residents and expert consultants, most of them "fardados" from our worldwide fellowship.



Retaking workshop of AmaGaia Program

Some projects discussed at the workshop aim for the reinforcement of actions and groups that are already established in the community (such as the Residents' Association, Centro Medicina da Floresta, Jardim da Natureza, Santa Casa and others). Other projects are related to putting into practice some planned actions (such as the Management Plan of Céu do Mapiá Village) and there are also projects that are directed toward the creation of new work fronts (such as strategic actions in the area of renewable energy). The workshop process had as its central purpose the development of a Program to support community sustainability in Céu do Mapiá - AmaGaia Program.



Workshop participants

The program has been built in a collective way with community residents, with technical support from "Instituto Socioambiental de Viçosa (ISAVIÇOSA)" and Federal University of Viçosa (UFV), and with the collaboration of several professionals in different areas, in connection with international organizations linked to the global ecovillage movement, such as Gaia Education and the Global Ecovillage Network. AmaGaia Program has two main focuses of actions. One, on local community projects, helping creation, fundraising, implementation and management of those projects. The other supports actions of the brotherhood with expertise and proposals related to the four dimensions of sustainability, as well as those who wish to contribute to the demands and priorities identified by the community. It is expected to foment strategic areas in order to reinforce Vila Céu do Mapiá.

The community has been experiencing an ongoing process of social learning for sustainability, through exchanges of knowledge, workshops, courses and training. Many activities are happening now and are expected to continue this year. All sorts of support and participation from our fellowship are really welcome.



THE NEW TEMPLE

IT'S ALL SETTLED!



THE BUILDING OF THE NEW TEMPLE HAS STARTED AGAIN. THE FOUNDATION AND COLUMNS HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED. AN ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL OPERATION BEGAN TWO YEARS AGO, WITH THE ICEFLU BRANCH OFFICE IN SÃO PAULO HIRING A PROFESSIONAL TEAM AND A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (SOBROSA) FROM SÃO PAULO.



The construction schedule includes the preparation of the access areas, adaptation of the employees, organization of the office and central warehouse, improvement in the bathrooms and surroundings, topographic surveys of the Church and surroundings and the paths between the school and Santa Casa (place where the spiritual works will be done until the end of the building), dismantling of the geodesic dome and isolation of the construction site (July) and conclusion of the roof (October). The end of the construction of the New Temple is scheduled to be prior to June 28, 2019, but may be delayed by the weather, among other unforeseen events.

Sobrosa currently has employees in the field preparing the construction site. There are 22 professionals, including engineers, technicians, masons, carpenters and machine operators. Meanwhile, the road from Fazenda São Sebastião to Mapiá is being prepared in order to transport building material: a few tons of galvanized steel and roof tiles for example.

All material comes from São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Rio Grande do Sul (metal structure) and it is delivered at Boca do Acre, and transferred by ferries along the Purus River until the entrance of the Mapiá stream, and then transported to Vila Céu do Mapiá via the road.



Metal structure to the New Temple



THE NEW TEMPLE

DIMENSIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The total construction area is over 2 thousand square meters (22,000 square feet), involving the temple (2,127 m^2), mezzanine (127 m^2), external sidewalks (1,500 m^2), tombs (156 m^2), local photovoltaic panels and generator room / batteries (700 m^2).

The Community Kitchen was equipped with a generator, refrigerator, freezer, three large tables and kitchen utensils. It serves the construction from Sunday to Sunday, providing: breakfast, lunch, afternoon coffee break (delivered at 4pm at the construction site) and dinner. At this point, it employs 25 people (22 women and 3 men). The workers are at Hospedaria Recanto da Seringueira.



Espiritual work at the geodesic that had already been dimantled.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO HELP!

The financial resources of the construction of the New Temple come from donations from national and international brotherhood, and all financial resources are being utilized with technical excellence, seriousness, discipline and transparency. The entire ICEFLU fellowship is being mobilized to assist in this great mission and to be part of this historical moment. From the monthly contribution of each fardado to extra campaigns and donations, it is very important to unite the boards of affiliated churches to expand this invitation to the whole fellowship and to effect the affiliations of its members. It's important that all the churches connected to Padrinho Alfredo's administration affiliate to ICEFLU.

In addition, anyone who wants to help, should look for the direction of their churches or the administration of the construction. Donations can be deposited directly into the specific ICEFLU account highlighted on this page. All support is welcome and necessary.



Espiritual work at the geodesic that had already been dimantled

The construction plan is greatly concerned with reducing environmental impacts. Núcleo Capivara, from Paraná, is helping with environmental management.

The Medical Clinic of the village is being renovated, while AMVCM negotiates with the municipalities of Paulini and Boca do Acre, and with Amazonas government the hiring of a team with a doctor, dentist and nurse to attend the population of the village.

A team of journalists, photographers and videographers documents the entire process of the Project.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY

ICEFLU, the institution responsible for the construction of the church, seeks to ensure that the changes brought are followed by community strengthening. In this way, several projects and actions to support sustainability, implemented in the community, are considered part of the construction legacy. With the participation of local institutions and the global fellowship, the AmaGaia Program is being consolidated. The aim of the Program is to give support to communitarian projects, institutions and sectors, as well as the creation and management of transversal projects to strengthen the community.

In a moment of global challenges and transformation, numerous activities are engendering positive progress in Vila Céu do Mapiá, establishing it as the capital of a cultural transition movement for the new world, new people, and new system announced by Padrinho Sebastião .



Aerial view from Vila Céu do Mapid



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BIOENERGY THERAPEUTIC LIVING

PSYCHOTHERAPIST LEONARDO LIBÂNIO CHRISTO, FROM BELO HORIZONTE, HAS BEEN TO CÉU DO MAPIÁ THREE TIMES ALREADY, TO PERFORM A SERIES OF BIOENERGETIC THERAPEUTIC EXPERIENCES WITH THE COMMUNITY.



These activities are part of the actions to strengthen the social dimension, promoted by AmaGaia Program, based on community's demand.

Therapeutic experiences began in October, last year. In February, Leonardo Christo returned to Mapiá. Also in June, the psychotherapist was once again in the community, continuing the work.

Approximately 60 people have already participated in activities involving group work as well as individual attendance, which are indicated by the community. During group works, the participants are organized in two large groups, one composed of adults over 33 years old, and the other, by young people under 30.

Youths during Bioenergy Therapeutic Living

With the group of adults, Leonardo Christo trains the participants to be "acolhedores" (counselors) through the dynamics of Bioenergetic Therapy. It is training so that people in the community can host those who need psychological assistance, without having to wait for the arrival of external professionals. The activities carried out with the youth group aim at strengthening the community spirit, cooperation and care in relationships with one another. This work is developed through techniques of somatherapy, activities of vitalization, exercises of awareness and of collaborative dynamics.

According to Leonardo Christo, the idea of performing bioenergetic therapeutic experiences in Céu do Mapiá arose in conversations with his friend Lúcio Mortimer, around 1997. Therefore, it is an old demand of the community, now supported by AmaGaia Program.



Workshop to prepare the community counselors

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN CÉU DO MAPIÁ

IN FEBRUARY, FELIPE ALCURE DA SILVA AND HENRIQUE BRUNINI SBARDELINI, FROM CÉU DE SÃO SEBASTIÃO — CURITIBA/PARANÁ, WENT TO MAPIÁ TO START A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY.

The main focus of the work is reinforce the Ethics and Disciplinary Council (CED), which is responsible for dealing with issues related to the community justice system. Thus, it is up to CED to deal with the conflicts and problems that arise in community related to family, neighborhood, child or adolescent protection, and even criminal matters. Alcure and Sbardelini facilitated a reorganization and sectorization of CED, which is now organized in small pacification chambers, in order to act also in a preventive way, being able to interrupt processes that could be harmful to the community. Restorative Justice aims to collaborate so that conflicts and crimes involving community members can be worked out through peaceful and collaborative ways, using non-violent dialogue, based on co-responsibility, reconnection and integration.



Alcure and Shardelini and the Ethics and Disciplinary Council



Reorganizing the CED

According to Alcure and Sbardelini, there is no miracle solution and, so, nothing will change overnight. The good news they bring is that most of Mapiá's inhabits are interested in transforming the current scenario.

Now, they are preparing to return to Mapiá to continue their work, always connected to the community wishes and necessities. They plan to provide training in Conflict Management for those able to be dialogue facilitators and conflict mediators. Also a work focused on restorative practices at "Cruzeiro do Céu" School. These actions are part of AmaGaia Program and aim to reinforce the social dimension of sustainability of Vila Céu do Mapiá.



SANTO DAIME: MUSIC AND MEMORY IN CÉU DO MAPIÁ

THE ANTHROPOLOGIST AND MUSICIAN LUCAS KASTRUP AND THE EDUCATOR JULIANA GENUNCIO WERE IN CÉU DO MAPIÁ LAST YEAR IN OCTOBER (2017) TO PRESENT AND INITIATE, TOGETHER WITH THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS FROM "CRUZEIRO DO CÉU" SCHOOL, THE PROJECT "SANTO

DAIME: MUSIC AND MEMORY IN CÉU DO MAPIÁ."

The project is supported by AmaGaia Program and aims to contribute to strengthening the cultural dimension of the community. The main idea of the project is to develop an interdisciplinary research (involving History, Geography, Portuguese and Mathematics), together with the students from 6th to 9th grade and high school students. The proposal is to approach the story and the musicality of the doctrine of Santo Daime and relate them to broader aspects of the History of Brazil and the world. The study is based on three central characters: Mestre Irineu, Padrinho Sebastião and Padrinho Alfredo. The proposal was welcomed by the school community with great enthusiasm.



Lucas and Juliana at Cruzeiro do Céu school

APPROACH WITH THE STATE OF MARANHÃO CULTURE

Lucas Kastrup returned to Mapiá in March, this time together with Maria Cristina Moraes, art educator and children's book writer, and Chico Nô, musician, geographer and researcher of the Maranhão culture. The purpose was to plan and integrate, together with the teachers, the project activities in the school year. Lucas was also able to present the research carried out recently in Maranhão, where Mestre Irineu was born. A meeting with teachers to evaluate the progress of the project was also done.

Other activities developed by Lucas, Cristina and Chico Nô in Mapiá were: workshops of traditional Maranhenses songs and rhythms, video projections, and a spiritual work with the children at "Casa de Música Madrinha Júlia". They also donated instruments to the music house, such as: banjo, guitar and ukulele. And they spent two days, at Chico Corrente's Memorial in Fazenda São Sebastião, doing activities with the community.



Children enjoying the drum:

A presentation with images and music was made at school and also drum classes was given to the community. There was a Children's Day celebration at "Jardim da Natureza"; and an interview with Dona Regina Pereira about the hymns of Santo Daime took place. Those were some of the activities developed by Lucas and Juliana during their visit in Mapiá. Lucas and Juliana visited Fazenda São Sebastião, where there was also a Children's Day celebration with storytelling, dance, singing and fun! They talked with the community about the proposal to include its school in the project.



Children Celebration's Day at Jardim da Natureza

STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

AMAGAIA PROGRAM HAS INITIATED IN JANUARY A WORK TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMIC DIMENSION OF CÉU DO MAPIA, THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCRETE ACTIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY MORE PROSPEROUS.

The first step was the strengthening of the production activities already carried out in Mapiá, such as the Sustainable Forest Management for Multiple Use, with emphasis on Centro Medicina da Floresta, the Forest Management and the production of cleaning products, soaps and cosmetics from oils and other forest resources. "Cozinha Geral" (the General Kitchen) is also being supported to meet the demands of the construction of the main church.

Recently, meetings were held with the community in order to implement a Community Bank with a microcredit line to support those who want to start or expand production. In addition, a proposal is under study with the community to put into circulation a local currency, to encourage people to buy products and services in Mapiá, since this currency will only be accepted locally.



Management Forest team meets Felipe Bannitz

A Producer's Fair is also planned for the second half of the year, in order to promote the internal marketing of local products and encouraging people to start or expand the production of food and other items of local consumption.

According to Felipe Bannitz, director of "Instituto de Socioeconomia Solidária – ISES" and coordinator of the team for the economic dimension of AmaGaia Program, the activities are just beginning, and a great progress is expected. Bannitz highlights: "all these actions have great potential to contribute to the construction of a more prosperous and sustainable community, as Padrinho Sebastião wishes!"



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GLOBAL ECOVILLAGE NETWORK VISITS CÉU DO MAPIÁ

DURING APRIL 17TH AND 24TH 2018, VILA CÉU DO MAPIÁ WAS VISITED BY KOSHA JOUBERT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GLOBAL ECOVILLAGE NETWORK (GEN), AS PART OF AMAGAIA PROGRAM ACTIONS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY.



Kosha Joubert executive diretor of the Global Ecovillage Network

ABOUT THE GLOBAL ECOVILLAGE NETWORK (GEN):

GEN is a growing network of communities and regenerative initiatives, founded in 1995, with consultative status for UN ECOSOC and UNEP. Comprising five continental networks and reaching around 10,000 communities. GEN builds bridges among legislators, governments, NGOs, academics, business people, activists, community networks and individuals involved in sustainability work around the world to develop strategies to a global transition for resilient communities and cultures.

https://ecovillage.org

THE GOOD NEWS FROM CENTRO MEDICINA DA FLORESTA

Kosha is an international facilitator with extensive experience in developing communities and organizations for sustainability. Her visit to Céu do Mapiá at this period of the new church's construction was quite appropriate, and reinforced the relation between the community movement of Sebastião Mota de Melo and the Global Ecovillage Network, aiming at the establishment of partnership between them. The idea is that this approach will potentiate actions of training, exchanges of knowledge and experiences between the ICEFLU community network and other ecovillages around the world.

During the visit, activities were carried out with different groups in the community: workshop with high school students at Cruzeiro do Céu School; meeting with the group responsible for the project of the Master Plan of Vila Céu do Mapiá; workshop with the Interinstitutional Working Group (GTI) for alignment and definition of actions of AmaGaia Program; and general presentation about the Global Ecovillage Network. Kosha also participated in two spiritual works, and visited some sectors and groups of the community.



Community representatives and supporters during meeting with Kosha



CMF team during meeting with ISES team / AmaGaia Program

LAST MARCH, WITH THE SUPPORT OF AMAGAIA PROGRAM, CENTRO MEDICINA DA FLORESTA (CMF) LAUNCHED THE CAMPAIGN "SUPPORT A FOREST APPRENTICE". THROUGH THE COLLECTIVE FUNDING SITE JUNOS.COM.

In this platform are launched social environmental projects campaigns so that they can receive donations from anyone in the world who is interested in the project.

The aim of the campaign was to raise funds for the operation of the CMF School by offering two weekly workshops and scholarships to 10 young apprentices. Donations from numerous collaborators allowed the success of the campaign that reached the financial goal, demonstrating worldwide recognition of the CMF.

Another important achievement of Centro Medicina da Floresta was a partnership with the Banco do Brasil Foundation for the construction of the new laboratory. The project approval was the result of the hard work of CMF founder Maria Alice Freire and the support team.

TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CENTRO MEDICINA DA FLORESTA: Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/floraisdaamazonia/website: http://www.floraisdaamazonia.com.br/pt/



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PADRINHO VALDETE AND MADRINHA DODÔ'S BIRTHDAY

On December 7th, 2017, Padrinho Valdete turned 70 and Madrinha Maria de Fátima, Dodô, 61. A great celebration was made! Family, godchildren and friends from all over the planet were there, wishing long life, health and happiness. Happy Birthday!



The day after the spiritual work, there was a lunch in "Cozinha Geral" gathering residents and visitors. After lunch, a circle was made in the square to sing and to send positive vibrations to Padrinho Valdete e Madrinha Dodô.



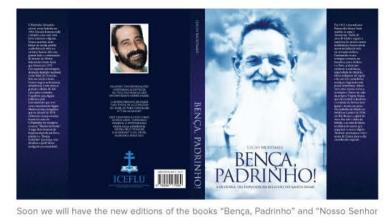
It's always a pleasure to celebrate another year of life of the president of ICEFLU, Padrinho Alfredo Gregório de Melo. In good tempered, he blew the 68 candles of his birthday cake, on January 7th. Relatives, godchildren and friends wishing him many years of life, health and happiness were at the celebration.



VIIa Céu do Mapiá celebrated its 35th anniversary on January 21st, 2018. A great celebration was prepared by the youth who participated in the event "Herdeiros do Padrinho" with the help of the community. Viva o Céu do Mapiá!



In October, 2017, Madrinha Rita had a small accident and had to go to Rio Branco to have her wrist plastered. She left Mapiá in an army helicopter and was brought back by the state government of Acre's helicopter. The first state lady, Mrs Marlúcia Cândida, went with her. We appreciate all those who made this trip possible.



Aparecido na Floresta" by Lúcio Mortimer, revised and updated by his widow Maria Eugênia.



On December 29th, Madrinha Júlla turned 86. Every four years on her birthday, the community sings "O Justiceiro". This was a great opportunity to celebrate Madrinha Júlia's birthday and her beautiful presence among us. God grants her many years of life, with great health and happiness. May the 90's come!



From September 4 to 10, 2017, Céu do Mapiá hosted workshops, musical presentations, community meetings and spiritual works. The event "Aquecendo os Tambores" was especially aimed at young local audiences, but it was always attended by people of different ages, including representatives from other communities such as Fazenda São Sebastião, Prainha and Anajás. Cultural diversity and exchange of knowledge were achieved together with the celebration of Padrinho Manoel Gregório da Silva's 89th birthday.



Cruzeiro do Céu" School is building two more classrooms. Helped by the Japanese and Dutch brotherhoods, with the support of community, students and teachers. The Association of Parents and Teachers – APMC is managing the construction.



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"Santa Casa de Cura Padrinho Manoel Corrente", in partnership with Cooperar, has created handmade products to help with the institution's expenses and to generate income for women and young people. Named "Kawa", that means "queen leaf" in the Hunikuin indigenous language and "river" in Japanese, there are five types of glycerin-based soaps, beeswax, aloe vera, floral, plant extracts and oils from the Amazon. There are also more products from the forest such as andiroba and copaiba oils, sachets made with herbs and flowers for baths.



Saberes da Floresta group is producing soap and detergent through cooking oil recycling, a way to help nature, increase a family's income and reuse waste. They also have a line of soaps based on oils such as copaiba, andiroba etc. Recently one of its members was in Rio Branco to participate in a workshop related to the project.



The Academy of Capoeira "Cípō de Ouro" is in full activity, in Mapiā. Thanks to the resources of the fellowship and built by its young members during communitarian work, the Academy has been used for class training and for sporting and cultural events.



"Cooperativa Agroextractivista do Mapiá and Médio Purus – COOPERAR" is changing its by-law and soon a new board of directors will be elected. Currently, COOPERAR operates in three municipalities in the Middle Purus region with cocoa production and also oils extracted from silvicultural products. It also has projects in the planning stage, such as the manufacture of cosmetics based on forest products, handicraft production, and honey production, among others.



Olimpio Mendes, an infectious disease control officer from Mapiá, has undergone training to detect diseases such as leprosy, leishmaniasis, tuberculosis and filariasis in laboratory tests, as well as to specialize further in malaria tests. Olímpio's specialization was an important result of the brotherhood's effort that had long requested this training and had Dr. Joy as his articulator in Manaus.



The Madrinha Júlia House of Music is finished (still missing the bathrooms) and has been hosting many works and rehearsals. Result of great effort of its founder, Madrinha Júlia. It's a great pleasure for those who participate in the events! In the picture, the construction of ecological pits for the bathrooms.



COOPERAR has been distinguished by intense activity in research, production, development and commercialization of organic and high quality products. Among the products, a highlight is the native cocoa for export. The cooperative has signed agreements with some governmental and non-governmental organizations and it is already a reference in Amazonian products. In July, begins the harvest of legalized wood in the National Forest of Purus.



The Master Plan of Vila Céu do Mapiá's project is ready to be implemented, termed the "Management Agreement". Through the Agreement, the community will establish its land regulation, its rules of coexistence and plan its future. The process will be fully participatory, involving several meetings in the neighborhoods of the Village, in the work sectors and in the Interinstitutional Working Group — GTI. The project was elaborated in several meetings of the GTI and finished with the advice of the executive director of the Global Network of Ecovillages (GEN), Kosha Joubert. The Master Plan will likely be funded by resources from a parliamentary amendment by former congressman Francisco Praciano.







Eight young members of the community received their stars at once, with the support of the brotherhood, who donated their fardas. The fardamentos were made by Padrinho Alfredo and Alexandre Cardoso.



Centro de Medicina da Floresta — CMF's laboratory is already under construction, as a result of the CMF's partnership with the Banco do Brasil Foundation. It will be an important center for studies and researches of herbal medicines. Recently, CMF inaugurated its new Communitarian Kitchen with a great lunch for friends and collaborators.



Santa Casa has rebuilt its straw roof, where spiritual works, events and meetings are held. All remodeled and with a removable wooden floor, it is ready to replace the church while it is being built. Access to the Santa Casa is also being improved, with the construction of a bridge over "Igarapé Repartição" and with the leveling of the road.



During the Environment Week, that happens all year at "Cruzeiro do Céu" School, the school community made a "feitio", as Padrinho Alfredo has taught: using Jagube and Rainha in the most efficient manner, with the participation of parents, friends and students and a teacher from "Fazenda São Sebastião". With happiness and harmony, they sang "Oração" and "Nova Dimensão" in the fornalha. Under the supervision of master João Corrente, about 300 liters of the Sacrament were produced, that will be used for the spiritual works of the school, the youth and the Church.



A team of forestry engineers from the Federal University of Viçosa, the Rio de Janeiro Botanical Garden and Adnet's Company of Forest Engineering came to Maplá to renew the survey of timber species for the Forest Management Plan. The engineers also did aerial photographic work with the use of a drone, resulting in beautiful and useful images.



Veteran Pedro Zacarias, former canoemaker together with Padrinho Sebastião, is now producing miniatures, supported by the ICEFLU branch office in São Paulo. The handcrafted canoes can be purchased in Mapiá.



The Amazonia Luthiery School workshop - OELA, through Professor Francimar Meireles, with the support of the AmaGaia Program, held a workshop to build musical instruments in the Village. With young and older students, the workshop produced ten ukelelês (a little string instrument), a bass guitar and a guitar.



Still during the Environment Week, a group from São Paulo - Coletivo 5°. Dimensão (the Fifth Dimension Collective) made a theatrical performance, circus and puppet workshops at the School. This was formed by the actors Betto Nunes and Dinho Prado. The kids and the adults loved and had lots of fun with the clowns. It was such a success that they had to stay a few more days in Céu do Mapiá to repeat the performance.



The official website of ICEFLU, santodaime.org, has been updated. In the website there is the history of the Doctrine, photos, recordings of hymns, and archives of hymns. Also published is updated information and the history of the Electronic Bulletin and Jornal do Céu, with everything that has already been published.

PADRINHO NEL'S FAREWELL

Author - Oswaldo Guimarães

Born on September 6, 1928, in Açu-RN, Manoel Gregório da Silva transitioned to the Astral on May 16 of this year (2018), leaving many precious teachings.

Padrinho Nel was the first inhabitant of Colônia Cinco Mil, hosting Padrinho Sebastião's family which had recently arrived from Juruá.

When he was young, he worked in the salt fields, and soon after he traveled with his family to Amazonas to be a rubber tapper. Although the plan was to go to a certain "seringal" (rubber tree forest) in Pará, the premature death of a brother made his mother not want to wait for the ship that would take them, and so they decided to go to another "seringal", Adélia.

They lived at Seringal Adélia for eight years, where Sebastião met and married Rita Gregório. With the decay of the rubber cycle, Nel and his family moved to Rio Branco-AC. In Acre, Nel met Cristina Raulino, with whom he soon fell in love. Working hard, he still found time to build his house, which, when it was ready, welcomed the couple. They had 13 children.

In Mapiá, he was the leader of a community on the banks of the Purus, Prainha Gregório. There, together with his wife and children, he gathered some of the local river dwellers. He planted Rainha and Jagube, grains and vegetables. With a small village already organized, they had to abandon everything because of a great flood in 1997. Many of the local residents then moved to Vila Céu do Mapiá with their Padrinho and Madrinha.

He was a master in agriculture and in Santo Daime's feitio, and in many other skills. Padrinho Nel was a close friend of Padrinho Sebastião, also his brother-in-law. He helped Padrinho Sebastião at the opening of Rio do Ouro and Céu do Mapiá.

Among many of his stories, there is his famous saying: "In this village, where my sight reaches, my hoe has passed".



Padrinhas and Madrinhas



Gregorio Family

FARINHADA HONORS Padrinho nel



Farinhada

Vô Nel loved a "farinhada" (gathering to produce manioc flour). Even with difficulties of locomotion, he didn't give up attending a "farinhada" feitio in front of his house. Two weeks after his death, a "farinhada" was organized in Padrinho Nel's honor.

It was made by Padrinho Alfredo, Roberval, Rutilene, Neide, Rosa, and his grandchildren, friends. The "farinha" made will supply the family and also the workers of the new temple.

Viva o vô Nel! Viva a família Gregório! Viva o novo templo! Viva a farinhada!



Pad. Nel e a irmā. Mad. Rita

CORDEL MANOEL GREGORY HAS LEFT

Author - Zerivan de Oliveira

The old warrior has left To his last journey After a long and And great life To the spiritual world In the highest of the Astral To make his home

Manoel Gregório left us A pillar of this doctrine To meet in Heaven The Holy Divine Mother At almost ninety years old Fulfilling, then, the plans Which God establishes to us

A faithful companion
Of Padrinho Sebastião
Following the Doctrine
Of Jesus and of Saint John
Padrinho Nel left
As a faithful soldier
Of the Virgin Mary

Together with Madrinha Cristina His faithful companion Now he finds himself In his final home Together with the Master After working hard On earth for a lifetime

For the sake of the Doctrine
He has always work.
And for his entire life
Has demonstrated its value
Working on the field
Or at a spiritual work
Always a good student and teacher

Padrinho's friend Since Colônia Cinco Mil Important supportive of our brotherhood When Mapiā was opened Always workling A hard life he had But with faith he continued Always a good planter Has left a lot cultivated On Purus beaches There is part of his legacy. A suffered people Chosen by Nel To be helped by him

The last time I saw him He made me a wish It was Carnauba seed That I guarantee Even with his death On my next trip To keep my promise.

Leaving a large family
All members of the Doctrine
Went to a new path
Opening a new road
His sisters continue here
Looking after
The Sacred Doctrine

Madrinhas Rita and Julia
I leave my sorrow
And for the rest of the family
Our mourning at the moment
Padrinho Nel transitioned do
Astral
But his teachings
Are great nourishment

I ask God to comfort
The mourning family
Children, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren
And all of us
Everything is done according to
God's wish
The Astral is celebrating
His arrival

I'm going to say goodbye now Looking at the clouds in the sky Into this cashew tree flower I'll finish my poem Leaving this message And wishing a good trip To our beloved Padrinho Nel