

# Children's Leaders Conference

TRAINING & EQUIPPING LEADERS & PROTECTING CHILDREN



## The Need

**In the Amazon, 2 million people live in remote river villages scattered across vast jungles, with children among the most vulnerable.** Many face poverty, lack of education, and early exposure to dangers like abuse, drugs, and promiscuity—some as young as age 12. Without guidance and protection, these children grow up in cycles of despair, often disconnected from hope and opportunities for a better life.

Healthy local churches are essential for breaking these cycles, offering advocacy for children that encompasses sharing the Gospel while providing life-saving guidance and protection. However, many children's ministry leaders in the jungle lack the resources and training to address the overwhelming challenges. With little support, these leaders are left to tackle urgent and complex issues on their own. Equipping and encouraging them is critical for building a new future for the children of the Amazon.



## The Impact

**Our annual Children's Ministry Leaders Conference provides these leaders with the tools, inspiration, and fellowship they need to disciple and protect over 1,700 children in 50 villages.** In 2024, 70% of attendees were new, traveling days by boat to learn practical skills in child protection, navigating technology's influence, and combating drug trafficking. Sessions also emphasized holistic child advocacy, equipping leaders to meet both spiritual and physical needs.

Leaders shared how God moved powerfully in their lives, inspiring them to deepen their commitment to the children they serve. They returned home with training kits, food baskets, and flash drives filled with resources, ready to build bridges to children's families, improve church programs, and advocate for vulnerable youth.



By investing in these leaders, the conference ensures that children in remote villages are guided, loved, and protected. Through this effort, the light of the Gospel shines into the jungle, offering hope and salvation to the next generation.

Scan the QR code to watch Pastor Ralci & Rosalia's story.



## The Cost

**The conference is partly funded by Brazilian partners, the remaining amount needed to run the conference annually is \$25,000. This provides 4 days of training for 125 participants.**

### This includes:

- Lodging & food
- 4 days of training and breakout sessions
- Counseling
- Materials and curriculum



## About JMI

Justice and Mercy International is a faith-based organization that primarily works in Moldova in Eastern Europe and in the Amazon region of Brazil. Since 2008, we have created Gospel-centered life change for the poor, the vulnerable, and the forgotten. Our work is locally implemented through indigenous staff on the ground. In Moldova, we prioritize caring for children living in poverty and teens at risk of human trafficking. Through training and equipping jungle pastors in the Amazon, we help Gospel transformation happen in one of the world's most remote and untouched places.

## An Organization You Can Trust

83%  
PROGRAM

7%  
GENERAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE

10%  
FUNDRAISING



### WHY JMI IS A WISE INVESTMENT

Recognizing God as the source of all we have, we remain committed to stewarding the resources entrusted to us. JMI is accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and has received Guidestar's platinum rating again for 2024.

In 2024 83% of JMI's total operating expenses were used for programs that benefit children, families, and communities in need.



## What JMI Accomplished

IN 2024

256

JUNGLE PASTORS  
TRAINED

1,164

CHILDREN + TEENS  
SPONSORED

1,141

BIBLES  
DISTRIBUTED

24,955

FOOD BAGS  
DISTRIBUTED

3,411

HYGIENE SUPPLIES  
DISTRIBUTED

285

VILLAGES  
SERVED

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