

In-depth Theological Training

THREE-YEAR PROGRAM IN STRATEGIC AREAS OF THE AMAZON



The Need

The western Amazonas region of Brazil is one of the least reached areas, with very few local churches and even fewer evangelical missionaries. Many people here still follow traditional animistic or indigenous beliefs. The churches that do exist struggle with a shortage of trained pastors, often depending on itinerant ministers who can only visit occasionally. Indigenous groups in the region have their own languages and cultures, and most have had little exposure to Christianity. Many river communities face extreme poverty, with limited access to healthcare, education, and infrastructure. The dense rainforests, winding rivers, and remote villages make transportation expensive and difficult, discouraging many missionaries. Yet, despite these obstacles, the need for the Gospel in this region is urgent. Developing local pastors is a way to offer not only spiritual hope and freedom but also a path to addressing systemic issues, all while respecting and valuing the traditions of the local communities.



The Impact

JMI, in partnership with Training Leaders International (TLI), is equipping pastoral leaders through a seminary-like, three-year certificate program designed to meet the unique needs of western Amazonas. This program serves as a companion piece to our pastors conference, offering a deeper dive into biblical training and ministry development. By focusing on spiritually empty places, the program aims to equip local leaders to bring the Gospel to areas that need it the most.

The first cohort of leaders will complete their intensive training program in Tefé in March 2025. Following this milestone, these leaders will partner with JMI to engage in mission trips within a 200-mile radius of Tefé, employing innovative strategies such as riverboat ministries to reach remote communities. Starting in the fall of 2025, a new cohort will begin training in Boca do Acre, located at the western edge of the state of Amazonas.

This program empowers local leaders to sustain ministry through discipleship, church planting, and community development. By establishing thriving, indigenous-led faith communities, the work fulfills the Great Commission while fostering practical transformation. Churches often become catalysts for improving education, healthcare, and poverty alleviation.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the partnership with TLI.

The Cost

TLI funds 50% of the program costs. JMI needs to raise \$30,000 to cover the three-year course, breaking it down to \$10,000 each year.

This includes:

- All program expenses
- Resources & curriculum material
- Food & drink
- Logistics
- Transportation for teaching staff



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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