

Santa Casa de Cura Padrinho Manoel Corrente



PAPAI VELHO E MAMÃE VELHA PROJECT

Assistance for the veterans who arrived in Mapiá with Padrinho Sebastião

Céu do Mapiá Village – Amazonas State, Brazil
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Veterans who are part of the project

- Alda Figueira do Nascimento
- Antônio Ribeiro
- Bernardo Albino da Silva
- Daíde Nunes Freitas
- Dalvina Corrente
- Etelvina Souza dos Santos
- Francisca Corrente do Nascimento
- Francisco Chagas da Silva
- Francisco Gadelha do Nascimento
- Gecila Teixeira
- Ilma Gadelha
- Irene Veríssimo
- Isídia Leal
- Ivan dos Santos Lessa
- Jacy Batista da Silva
- José Fernandes da Silva
- Luís Lopes
- Maria Brilhante Pereira
- Maria Sebastiana Bispo Cordeiro
- Maria Veronica Manns
- Marina Ruberti
- Noêmia Monteiro
- Pedro Zacarias
- Roberto Bernardo Corrente

Participants of the Project who had already died

- Dario Raimundo Ibaceta
- Maria José de Oliveira Silva
- Maria Gomes Pinheiro
- Francisco Franklin
- Lauro Barbosa de Lima

PERIOD

Permanent project in support of improving the quality of life and well-being of the elderly participants.

TEAM

- Coordination:
 - Sonia Maria Palhares de Alverga
 - Isabel Barsé
 - Clara Iura
- Executive support:
 - Adriana G. Veras Silva
- Technical support:
 - Tatiana Reis

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

- Igreja do Culto Eclético da Fluente Luz Universal Patrono Sebastião Mota de Melo – ICEFLU
- ICEFLU Europa
- Instituto Socioambiental de Viçosa – ISAVIÇOSA
- Foundation for the Healing Force of the Amazon - FHFA

CONTEXTUALIZATION

Céu do Mapiá village is an intentional community and the largest population center in the Purus National Forest Conservation Unit (Purus FLONA), located in the municipality of Pauini, southwest of the State of Amazonas. Area with great diversity of flora and fauna, it has about 600 inhabitants, according to data from the last census, who live from subsistence agriculture and various types of services that serve residents and visitors annually.

Founded in 1983, it is the result of community work carried out since 1974 by rubber tappers and rural workers motivated and united by the spiritual tradition of Santo Daime, under the leadership of rubber tapper Sebastião Mota de Melo (1920-1990).

“Clearing a virgin forest, demarcating rubber roads, clearing fields and planting, building houses, all of this with scarce resources and materials from the forest is hard work. It was hard to believe that those men and women had left behind their belongings and homes, the fruit of two years of work, and gone deep into the forest to fulfill their old dream. By the end of the afternoon the pioneers were arriving. Some came from the plantations, others from the shipyards and sawmills, others brought bundles of straw to cover the houses. Hunters arrived with the quarters of a tapir and fishermen with large surubins”
(Alex Polari, 1992).

Thus, this group of men and women, under the guidance of Sebastião Mota de Melo, entered the forest following the Mapiá creek to the confluence with the Repartição creek, where, willingly and facing various challenges, they founded a community with the aim of experiencing human and spiritual development in a new system of community life, fair, in harmony and nourished by the Amazon Forest.

Today, some people from this group of pioneers have died, and others are in advanced age, however they continue to watch over the community and guide the new generations.

As Lucio Mortiner said in his book:

“It is very important to a leader, the quality of those around him. That support that comes from the base.” (Lucio Mortiner, 2018)

PRESENTATION

The Santa Casa de Cura Padrinho Manoel Corrente began its activities in 1999, always focused on serving the community in the area of comprehensive health, therapeutic and spiritual care, social well-being, among countless other cultural and community activities that constantly take place in its facilities in Vila Céu do Mapiá. Among these activities is the Papai Velho e Mamãe Velha Project, an initiative of a group of Dutch brothers and sisters, who implemented the idea of Geraldine Fijneman, who was a great supporter of the residents of the community.

Despite the fact that all the elderly people who make up this group of Sebastião Mota de Melo's companions receive a small monthly allowance from ICEFLU, and receive a minimum Social Security pension as rural workers or Rubber Soldiers (an initiative by the AMVCM in partnership with members of the irmandade of Rio Branco), their basic health and housing needs are not always sufficiently well met.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

Support the improvement of the quality of life and well-being of the elderly who participated in the opening of Vila Céu do Mapiá, together with Padrinho Sebastião Mota de Melo, through material assistance to their needs, as well as attention and affection on an emotional and spiritual. At the moment, serving the elderly who were born until 1952.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Be attentive to the needs of the group;
- Pay periodic visits to project participants;
- Support, as far as possible, the needs of health, housing etc.;
- Give emotional and spiritual support;
- Raise resources for project actions.

JUSTIFICATION

In all regions of Purus FLONA, the basic conditions of health, education and sanitation are quite precarious. The Municipality of Pauini / AM, where the Vila Céu do Mapiá community is located, has the second lowest HDI (Human Development Index) in the State of Amazonas and the twentieth lowest in Brazil, which places the municipality among the poorest of the country (IBGE, 2000). In addition to serious socioeconomic problems, the region is characterized by being an endemic zone for several tropical diseases, such as malaria, yellow fever, leishmaniasis, hepatitis B, parasitic gastroenteritis and malnutrition (AMVCM, 2003). And also, given the geographical isolation - the nearest urban center is 6 to 9 hours away (depending on the time of year), and the high cost of travel and accommodation in nearby cities, hospital medical care is often unfeasible in Boca do Acre (closest city) and Rio Branco in Acre. To make the situation even worse, the aid that comes from the government is not enough to meet the social and health demand. Currently, Vila Céu do Mapiá does not have a resident doctor. Recently, the local health post underwent renovations in its facilities, made with donations from individuals, however, resources are always needed for its maintenance and purchase of inputs.

The elderly covered by this project dedicated most of their lives to the Doctrine of Santo Daime, and to Padrinho Sebastião's dream of having a community life in the middle of the forest. Today these people are the pillars of the community - elders and counselors who keep the living memory of Padrinho's teachings.

The resources raised by the project meet not only the needs of these elderly people, but in some cases also those of their children and grandchildren. Soon, we realized several reasons for having a project in favor of these veterans.

TARGET GROUP

Veterans who accompanied and helped Padrinho Sebastião in the founding of the community Céu do Mapiá, born until the year 1952.

Note: Other companions of Padrinho Sebastião who do not fit the program's requirements, in cases of emergency and greater need, or in specific cases, may also benefit.

METHODOLOGY

The project works thanks to donations from supporters and partner institutions, mainly internationally. Thus, the project's actions become possible based on the donations received.

The Papai Velho e Mamãe Project began with the registration of the elderly and a survey of their needs. Some constructions and improvements were made in the homes of some participants and emergency care, mainly in the health area.

The project continues to watch over the participating group, carrying out home visits, providing health care, as well as some constructions, within the possibilities and donations received.

Take Action on behalf of a Veteran

One form of contribution can be the adoption of an elderly person. It is understood that this action can generate a more personalized relationship between the donor and beneficiaries. The person can choose a specific action, such as: monthly financial aid, health care, financing a refurbishment etc.

Health Assistance and Emergencies Fund

In addition to the budgets made according to registered needs, it is necessary to have a fund, when there are no emergencies, the amount is accumulated.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Participating group care

- Maintain periodic visits to find out about health and needs, such as updating the registration form;
- Provide necessary referrals for other procedures, such as travel for treatments, exams, surgeries etc.;
- Organize spiritual works with the family in the home for the elderly;
- Organize meetings with cultural and artistic activities;
- Provide conditions for individual and collective mobility (cleaning of trails, transportation etc.);
- Acquisition of a vehicle for transport on the trails;
- Carry out essential works in the houses identified in the diagnoses;
- Make a collective vegetable garden to help with nutritional needs;
- Build a chalet at Santa Casa for the hospitalization of the elderly, equipped with their needs;
- Facilitate the locomotion of the support team;
- Create a network of health professionals who can support the project by carrying out the necessary clinical assessments, as well as alternative therapies.

Administration

- The donated resource is administered by the coordination, and half-yearly rendering of accounts and bimonthly reports are made by the Amigos da Santa Casa de Cura Association team. In addition to periodic meetings for project feedback and changes and adaptations that may arise.

ESTIMATED BUDGET

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST (REAL)	AMOUNT	TOTAL COST
Permanent fund	Fund for health care and emergencies	R\$ 3.000,00	12	R\$ 36.000,00
Community agent	Responsible for accompanying the elderly and supporting the execution of project actions	R\$ 1.000,00	12	R\$ 12.000,00
Improvements / Construction *	Improvements and construction in the homes of the registered elderly.	R\$ 15.000,00	12	R\$ 180.000,00
SUBTOTAL				R\$ 228.000,00
Administrative tax	Fee for administering the resource through the Santa Casa bank account - 10% of the total	R\$ 1.900,00	12	R\$ 22.800,00
COST PER MONTH		R\$ 20.900,00	COST PER YEAR	R\$ 250.800,00

* The constructions work on demand, their detailed budgets are made separately. There are currently 10 elderly people waiting for improvements in their homes.

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FUNDRAISING

The Papai Velho and Mamãe Velha Project depends on donations raised. Budget needs are divided into short- and medium-term categories. These categories refer not only to the urgency of the order, but also to the costing work. The emergency fund primarily addresses health needs. None of the beneficiaries have a health plan or other type of medical agreement.

FOR DONATIONS

