



This year our health programme in the River Purus celebrates 30 years of work in the fight against Hansen's disease. We would like to express many thanks to SFLG for supporting our work.

We are a group of people who have lived in the Amazon Region of Brazil, on the River Purus, for a long time.

The objective of our work is the eradication and prevention of Hansen's disease, which used to be called leprosy. Other prevalent diseases are malaria, hepatitis, tuberculosis, parasitosis, Zika, dengue etc.

When a sick person goes to a hospital boat it is not simply because they arrive with pain from their illness and suffering because of their poverty, their whole being is in distress, so we will try to give them overall help. We wonder why these people of the River Purus continue to suffer all the time? Our answer is that the rich part of the world does not want to look at this reality with love. So we understand how important love is for our lives, and this year again we would like to speak to you with our hearts because everyone in the River Purus Region today knows about your solidarity and fraternity towards us, which enable us to have dreams every day, e.g. that we can eradicate Hansen's disease.

We think that you share with us a dream of hope for everyone who suffers from solitude, illness and injustice when every year you show such generosity towards us..Paraphrasing St Francis, "It is in giving that we receive".. and so we send our love to you, SFLG, and we say "thanks" again

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