

One Team of Twenty or Two Teams of Ten?

1. Why does a local church want to send a team? (This would be a good question to ask people who bring teams.) Our assumptions:
 - a. To introduce your people to missions
 - b. Discipleship / team building /
 - c. Doing the Stuff
 - d. World missions
 - e. Raise awareness
 - f. A good experience
 - g. Get people out of their comfort zone
 - h. Opportunity to give their testimonies.
 - i. Do some teaching and helping
2. Why does the mission want to host teams?
 - a. It's a spiritual and emotional boost for the missionaries.
 - b. Spiritual and practically it is a huge encouragement to the local churches
 - c. Opportunity for new missionaries to serve
 - d. Building and developing relationships
 - e. Develop a growing support base in N. America.
 - f. Cast vision for new missionaries
3. Why Is a Team of Ten to Twelve People Better?
 - a. If a flight is cancelled you have 20 people
 - i. Rescheduling
 - ii. Hotels
 - iii. Transportation
 - b. Team devotions are more in tune
 - c. Interaction with the missionaries is richer
 - d. Feeding and transporting in the base is easier.
 - e. Better opportunities for missionaries to participate with the outreach.
 - f. Less overwhelming to a river church.
 - g. More flexibility to include everyone in a work team.
 - h. Less chance of team members getting marginalized.
 - i. The larger the team the less intimacy
 - i. Between the team members themselves,
 - ii. The team and the missionaries and
 - iii. The team and the Brazilians.
 - j. All of the reasons why a sending church sends teams are enhanced when the group is 10-12 people, with the exception of (g.) Getting People Out of Their Comfort Zones...More bang for your buck.
4. Why is a Larger Team Better?
 - a. More efficient for a large church
 - b. Daily rate goes farther,...same amount of fuel for the boat.
5. What about less than 10 people?
 - a. With less overall daily rate paid, it gets hard for us to stretch the dollars far enough.
 - b. For the reasons we like to bring teams down, 10-12 people seems optimum. Less is less.
6. In conclusion: The Xingu Mission recommends teams of 10-12 people. While we can accommodate more or less in either direction. There are trade offs.