

# Alto Rio Negro February 2012

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Amazon Forest, aerial view





I never understood how the boat-man decided which way to take





Barcelos, AM – aerial view



Alto Rio Negro



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View of the roof from below



Dona Margarida is responsible for the good food we ate at ISA









View of the Rio Negro from ISA



# FABRICA DOS SONHOS PREMOLDADOS

Plas de forrações  
Meio Tm  
Euros de Tadas  
Tipos

Tijolos de cimento  
Pedra de Granito  
Bloquete costado  
Caixa 1/2  
Cumbucel  
Murgas  
ETC...

obs: Entrega a Domicilio.

City center, São Gabriel da Cachoeira, AM

# THE TRIP

- A VIAGEM



It takes two days in this boat to go from São Gabriel da Cachoeira to the Hup'däh village



A harbor in Uaupés River, near Monte Alegre, formerly known as Matapi





Monte Alegre, Uaupés River. It is in places like this that you can sling your hammock and sleep







Graffiti in one of the villages



Salesian Mission in Taracuá, Uaupés River



Uaupés River

# *Taracuá Igarapé*

The *Hup'däh* village



In the mornings a heavy fog covers the village



*A Hup'dah house*











*Paxiuba (Iriartea Deltoidea)* is a good palm tree for making house walls



Detail of the roof in a *Hup'däh* house



Detail of the covering of the roof, with *caranã* palm leaves



Public telephone in the village



Straw-thatched hut – the central house to drink *caxiri*











There are different solutions for constructing the house walls



Some houses have no walls



The anthropologist Danilo Paiva Ramos exchanges fish hooks for fish



We exchanged soap for *cucura*, a fruit from the Amazon forest



Village maps, made by the *Hup'däh*, are hung on the wall



Mandu inaugurates the telephone





Tuning the guitar by the note la, emitted by the the telephone's dial tone





The boys quickly made us a shelf on which to keep our things



We used the solar panel to charge batteries



Danilo and Angelino reviewing some myths



House for the radio in the village

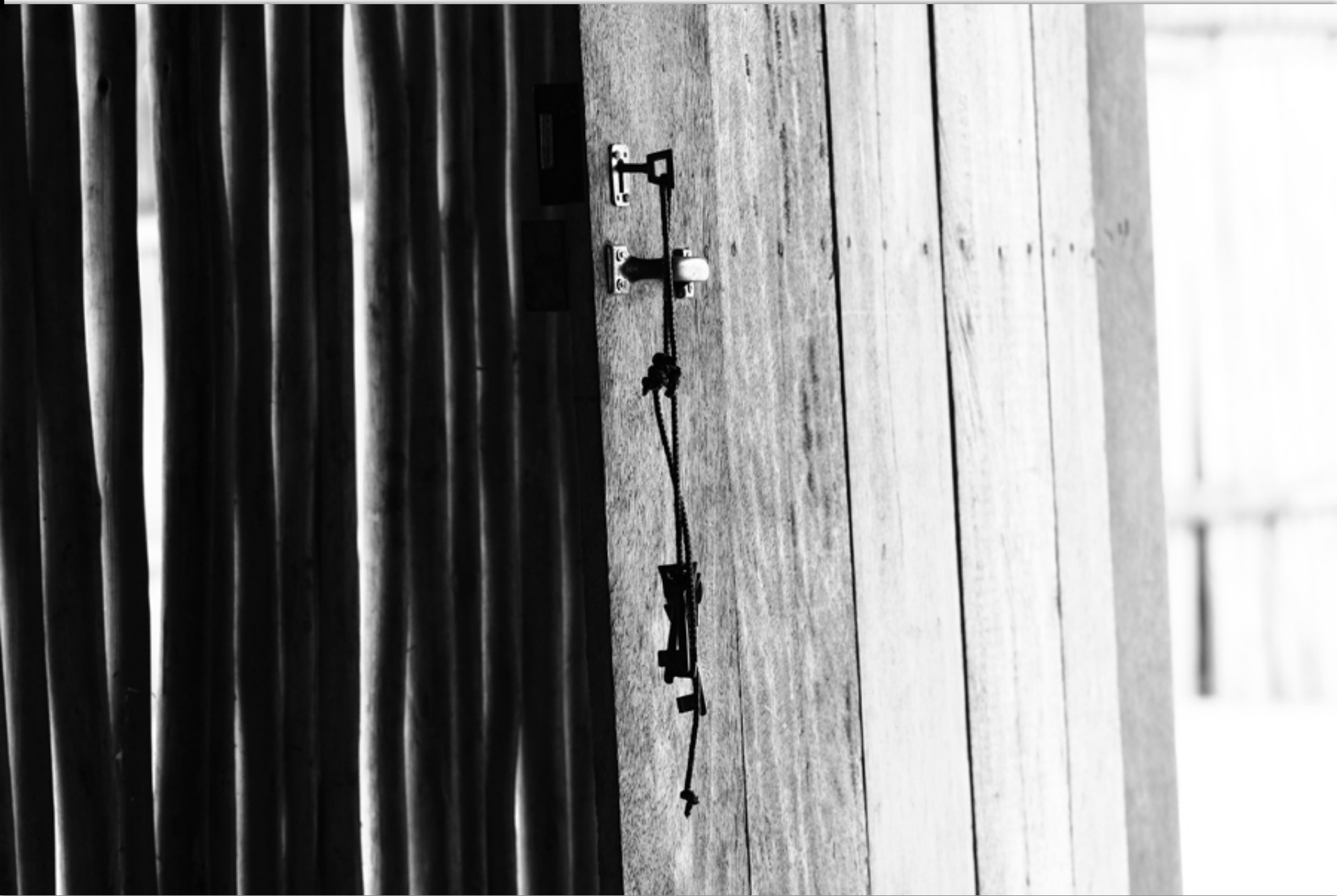








When the bell rings, it is school time for the children



The door of the school

*PUPUNHA*



*Pupunha* palm tree





A large stick is necessary to collect *pupunha*



Isabel and her daughter Carmen collect *pupunha*













*Pupunha* palm hearts must be boiled for quite a long time





Carmen grates the cooked *pupunha*



Pupunha may be used to make juice or it may be added to *caxiri*

# The manioc civilization







To reach the garden one must cross some bridges like this



Isabel plants and collects manioc in her garden









On her way back she washes the manioc in the river









Men are in charge of making the base to support the manioc grater























The *tipiti* is used to take the poison out of some types of manioc





The manioc poison drips into a basin























Many houses have big ovens like this to prepare the manioc





Toasted manioc to make *caxiri*







Trough to ferment *caxiri*







Manioc may be grated in different ways













*Beiju*, the manioc bread





Divided in 4 slices, *beiju* cools in a straw sieve



With the yellow manioc they make a delicious flour







The flour is toasted



Fans, made of straw, are used to fan the fire and lift the *beiju* from the pan

CHILDREN'S PLAY

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Bows and arrows tipped with tar are used by boys when they play





Boys play with their spinning top



Girls' football in the sand in the centre of the village





MUTIRÃO – working together



Families gather to clear the grass in front of their houses











PETS

















# MATERIAL CULTURE



Wooden mortar to soak coca leaves



Vine to make baskets







Baskets are always made by women











# MEN'S WORK



*Tipitis* are made by men





Vine to bind straw for roofs and for making tools







Ponciano goes fishing





The canoe motor needs to be repaired





Américo makes a traditional Hup'däh seat









