

Recife Brazil Report

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Reporting on the EBNESR Ministry Training School and the Evangelization of and church planting in the Northeast Portion of Brazil

Catching Up

It has been a great couple of months. God continues to bless this work. He blesses us through you and your support of us and he blesses it with tender hearts open to the pure and simple gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our outreach course titled "Let the Bible Speak" continues to produce more good results than any other thing we are doing. I just finished teaching the 15-week course with a group and over 40 students will receive a certificate of conclusion this next Sunday. Before we finished with this course we started a new one in the afternoon. More than 50 are studying the Bible with us in the new class. Most impressive is the number of people who turn their lives over to Jesus through this course of Bible study.



One couple who are fast becoming an integral part of our spiritual family are Marco and Ana Cristina. Several (as many as 11) plan to continue to study with us at EBNESR. We hope for the same or even better response from the afternoon class. Please pray to that end.

Two Special Guests

Ellen and Amelia Woods, daughters of longtime friends, Dale and Denise Woods blessed the church in Recife during a one-week campaign the first week of May. They came prepared with 500 care bears (mostly unstuffed), a trunk of Bible class materials for 5 congregations, teaching supplies for public school teachers and words for Pictionary. The week flew by as Ellen and Amelia helped teach children's Bible class during our 20-year anniversary service, distributed translated Bible class material and curriculum to 5 congregations (Candeias, Vila Palmares, Porta Larga, LAR Mana and Boa Viagem), stuffed (with a group from the church in Boa Viagem) and distributed 384 care bears to the IMIP children's research hospital and the children at the LAR Mana, hosted a breakfast for the public school teachers of the children at the LAR Mana (along with the help of church members), and visited with our English contact students for a fun night of introduction of themselves and their lives in the USA and a game of Pictionary. In their free time they enjoyed experimenting many traditional Brazilian food dishes and visiting places of interest. Ellen and Amelia brought encouragement and happiness along with them as they made a difference in the lives of many. Did they really just stay a week?





20 Year Anniversary of the Church in Boa Viagem

We look forward to the anniversary of our EBNESR Ministry Training School next month but before that we have already celebrated the 20th year since the beginning of the church in Boa Viagem and the blessings God has poured out on us over the years.

Is it possible that in a space where you feel cramped with 100 people present that you could possibly fit 200+? We were expecting about 150 people and we knew it was going to be tight for this many. We know that Jesus multiplied bread and fish, but on that Sunday he multiplied our space. In fact, the food planned for 150 was stretched well beyond – it was a cookout, with cake and ice-cream and there were leftovers.



Several former members were present and a couple of former ministers. Daniel Palk and Valdizan Souza sent video messages. Among others present who had left their mark on the congregation were Alcides and Esmeralda Marques and Sergio and Patricia Morais. Marcio Oliviera who is a real artist and works with iron presented us with the 20 year wrought iron piece that basically says the divine waves that brought us to this 20 year mark are the divine waves that will carry us forward into the future.

This year also marks 30 years in Brazil for Kathy and me.

Blessings from Brazil,

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