

Recife Brazil Mission Report

December 2016



Preaching in Jardim Jordão and Aguas Compridas. They are neighborhood congregations on opposite sides of the city of Recife and both have grown and developed over the last few years. Jardim Jordao, on the left, after beginning their church meeting on a member's front porch is now in its third meeting place in the past three years due to outgrowing their space! Aguas Compridas, on the right, met for several years for free in a public school and saved their money to renovate a donated garage for their meeting space. These are both encouraging places for us to visit.

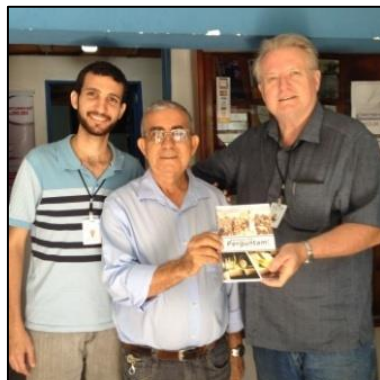


I enjoyed presenting church growth seminars in October for three congregations in the state of Ceará, to the north of Recife, two in Fortaleza and one in Itarema.



Bellevue Holiday care packages! We were so happy to get two boxes of treats for the holidays! Someone remembered to slip in the Neccos and we also received stockings for the December project at the children's home.

The EBNESR Publishing House has just sent its seventh book, *Sempre Me Perguntam*, authored by one of our directors, Alvaro Pestana, to the printer. We expect it to arrive early next week.





Adriano Freire, one of our graduates, taught a course at EBNESR on singing and song leading. All of the resident students attended plus some church members and a student from our Saturday program.



About 80 church leaders and their wives attended the Elicamp Retreat (leadership encounter) in November. The study was Missions from the Letter to the Romans and the participants were able to use one of the commentaries we just published on the book of Romans. These church leaders from out in the outlying areas are afforded the opportunity to spend three days together to study and enjoy each other's company twice a year.



On a visit to Salvador, Bahia in November I spoke at the church in Pernambuez where one of our EBNESR alumni, Miroel Franco preaches.

None of this would be possible if not for you, or your congregation and people and churches like you. We are so thankful to you for allowing us to minister here in Brazil among a people we love so much and who are so receptive to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your continued support is essential to keep growth going in the Northeast. New gifts or increases will allow us to expand even further.

We love and appreciate all of you and we pray that this year's end will find you happy, healthy, feeling blessed God and enjoying the company of family and friends.

Blessings,

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