

Campos

NEWS

Things to Come Mission - Recife, Brazil

GREETINGS

*Hello and blessings to all our friends and ministry partners! **THANK YOU** for joining us on our journey here in Brazil, and being a part of what God is doing around the world. We are so excited to share with you what is happening here in our midst. Your partnership is so important to us! We are hoping to take a furlough next year and share in more detail how your prayers and financial support have impacted the work here in Recife, Brazil.*

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2017

JARDIM JORDÃO CHURCH - Praise the Lord we now have a place to hold meetings with up to 150 people. Flooring, electrical and painting were done. We had 140 people on the Church Anniversary last November. Next project is the roof before the rain! We formed a leadership committee with leaders from our 3 other churches in Recife to better develop this work and we met quarterly in 2017 to plan and set goals. Since we do not have a fully trained pastor for this church yet, each church comes one Sunday a month and leads the service. Our first membership class was in November, with 9 people attending and 6 becoming members. Our Bible students, Edilson and Debora, have been recently appointed as leaders to develop the work. Please include them in your prayers!

BOA VIAGEM CHURCH - Membership grew 35%, and so has the vision for church planting and training. More and more people are realizing how important it is to establish more Grace churches in Recife and other cities, since most of the growth in Brazil is among charismatic and prosperity gospel groups. Understanding the Bible *dispensationally* has really helped the newcomers and they are so eager to learn more! Leadership in the church is being developed and we are training people to preach, lead small groups, give Bible studies, disciple, and lead different ministries.

TRAINING - 5 modules were taught in 2017 to over 30 different students: *Homiletics, Systematic Theology I, Christian Living, The Mission of the Church, and God's Will for the Family*. We are currently working with two interns, one in the pastoral area and the other in children's ministry. Another partner in ministry has been challenged to help us with the administration of the training program. We have the goal of offering 8 new modules this year. One of the modules will be taught by Pastor and author Craig MacDonald. He will be coming in June to teach the *Understanding Your Bible* module. We will be opening this module to pastors from other denominations and the plan is to teach here in Recife and also in the city of Aracaju (7 hours south).

LITERATURE - We partnered with one of the pastors from *Word of Grace Mission* to translate and edit vital Grace literature for our training program and for spreading the Grace Message. We just sent to the printer *THE MINISTRY*, by Joel McGarvey. This book is going to be the first one ever printed professionally and sold in book stores. We already have an agreement with the regional manager for the biggest chain of Christian bookstores here in town to sell this book. Pastor Wezel, from São Paulo, is currently revising *UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL*, by Charles F. Baker, and the plan is to have it ready for publishing by May 31st. He is also working on *BASIC BIBLE DOCTRINES*, by Don Webb, to be launched in October during our Leadership conference.



Nathan, Bella, Michelle, Joe



Anniversary - Jordao Church



Boa Viagem Church



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Couples Conference



Evangelistic Outreach

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SÃO BENTO DO UNA CHURCH PLANT - The work in this city has really grown since it was established last year. Pastor Manoel Mota has been leading this church plant and its one year Anniversary was celebrated on March 24th. All of the churches sent delegates for this celebration. We have approximately 25 adults meeting regularly for worship and very willing to sacrifice time, energy, and money in order to have a Grace Church in this location. The plan is to continue meeting in homes and by the end of the year secure a location to launch the church formally to the community.



NATIONAL CHURCH ASSOCIATION - We completed a much needed revision of our constitution and filed important documents with the city for us to open our very own bank account (PTL!). This will make it much easier for churches and grace believers to make donations for the expansion of our church planting ministry, training programs, and other departments. The National Board has faithfully met intentionally to set goals, revisit them every meeting, and make sure we are on track to fulfill them. As a result, we established a church planting fund and with a reserve of R\$850 plus R\$100 commitment to the new church plant in São Bento do Una. And we also have finished a handbook for those seeking licensing and ordination with us. Praise the Lord for the persistence and hard work of our pastors and leaders!

PROJECT ABBA - We had our Christmas celebration in five different locations this 2017. We reached over 350 kids. Every church is planning follow up with many of these kids in their children's ministry. This past year we added an adult outreach during the kids' program. We required the kids to come with an adult and as a result over 100 adults heard the Gospel and some made the decision to trust Christ as Savior. The ABBA ministry is involved year round with our Grace churches training leaders, organizing, providing supplies and curriculum, and funding some of their programs. We also visited an orphanage twice, where we distributed gifts to the children and presented the Gospel to them and the staff. ABBA has been a vital part in establishing the local churches and planting new ones. Thank you for those that sacrificially give toward this ministry. It is indeed making an eternal impact in the lives of so many families!



**Because of His grace,
Joe and Michelle Campos**

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PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

- *THAT GOD WILL RAISE MORE LEADERS WITH A VISION FOR CHURCH PLANTING AND GROWTH.*
- *FOR DOUG AND VICKI LE FEBER'S HEALTH (MICHELLE'S PARENTS).*
- *FOR THE LORD TO KEEP US HEALTHY TO CONTINUE TO SERVE HIM AND ACHIEVE THESE GOALS.*
- *FOR \$1500 FOR PASTOR MACDONALD'S TRAINING TRIP.*
- *FOR PASTORS AND LAY LEADERS TO EVEN MORE PASSIONATELY EMBRACE THE VISION FOR CHURCH PLANTING*
- *FOR \$1000 TO INSTALL A NATURAL GAS KIT IN OUR LITTLE VAN TO REDUCE FUEL COST.*
- *FOR ENDURANCE AS WE WORK TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS.*
- *FOR OPEN DOORS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND FUNDS FOR THESE NEW GOALS.*
- *FOR THE SPIRITUAL HEALTH OF OUR FAMILY AS WE STRIVE TO FOLLOW CHRIST TOGETHER.*