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by Joaquim Campos

Some might say I moved my family to Natal City because I was fascinated by its nice tropical weather, dazzling beaches, and 300 days (yes, 300 days) of sunshine per year.

Michelle and I visited Natal in the beginning of our first term in Recife, and from that point on I have had a great burden in my heart for Natal, nothing like the Macedonian vision of Paul which drastically changed God's church planting strategy in the book of Acts, but a consistent presence of that city in my heart and mind, a godly *discomfort*. As I researched Natal that discomfort grew, until I understood that God wanted us to move here and share with people the true source of Light, His Son Jesus Christ. Even in a beautiful city such as Natal (means *Christmas*), decorated year round with Christmas lights at night, and illuminated by a very bright sun most of the year, people feel empty, disheartened, and lost. The *sun*, without the *Son*, does not brighten people's lives.

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The Director's Perspective Ben Anderson

SafeOT_{Brave?}

"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" (Mk. 8:35). "Oh, say does that star-spangled ban-

ner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

Dear Friend,

May I speak from the heart as an American citizen? There are fundamental economic factors in the United States which will have a profound effect on the proclamation of the gospel around the world. The US Senate is leaning towards a \$700 billion bail-out of our failing financial sector. That works out to \$2,300 for every man, woman and child in America. Where is that money going to come from? It will be added to our existing \$10 trillion national debt. Take a sober look at the National Debt Clock on www. brillig.com/debt_clock. Record numbers of Americans are defaulting on mortgages, loans and credit cards. The bottom line is that we, as a country, have stepped into the danger zone in regard to debt.

Mission cannot be supported with debt. Some years ago, my father Vernon Anderson wrote a tract entitled Give the Demons Credit in which he shows how a credit-based society will destroy mission. High school kids start their lives of debt with weekly credit card offers. They will complete college with tens of thousands of dollars of debt. With their first job they take on a mortgage. Then they need a new car. And on and on it goes. Where it ends nobody knows. Certainly missionary service does not fit on this path.

Outwardly we reject the health and wealth gospel, but in lifestyle we are not significantly different. The simple truth is that the majority of American

Christians are addicted to comfort. We even create doctrines which assuage any feelings of responsibility for the lost which might spring up. Here are a few I've heard which are sure to douse any embers of concern.

- God has already determined who will be saved, so don't worry yourself about it.
- I was saved by grace and now I am living by grace. I am under no obligation to do anything.
- God created the world and everything in it for me to enjoy-and I intend to enjoy it fully.
- Ultimately, after a period of judgment for their sin, God will save everyone anyway.
- If someone is genuinely seeking the truth, God will make sure he gets saved. We have a choice of

being safe or being

brave. The apostle Paul,

imitating Jesus Christ,

The world is not going to be won for Christ by groups of Christians sitting in easy chairs discussing the latest fad of Chris- urges the latter. tendom. Within a

couple of years, Korea, a country with one-sixth the population of the U.S. and a lower percentage of Christians, will have more full-time missionaries on the field than the U.S. Although we are ahead in supporting mission, there is a saying that when America stops sending her sons and daughters, it will not be long before she stops sending her money.

Apostle Paul's stand on this issue is crystal clear: "Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize" (1 Co 9:26-27), "So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or

ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God," (2 Ti 1:8) and "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death" (Php 3:10). We have a choice of being safe or being brave. The Apostle Paul, imitating Jesus Christ, urges the latter.

The United States is the greatest missionary-sending country the world has ever known. Where we go from here is in our own hands. A lost and dying world awaits our decision.

Shifting focus away from America, this issue focuses on Brazil-the fifth most populous country in the world. Missionaries, pastors and evangelists have written about how God is using them in that diverse country. I hope you enjoy and are challenged by this issue. May God lead you to get involved with the Brazil ministry.

I just talked through Skype with missionary Joe Campos who is planting a church in Natal, Brazil. Although the Camposes have had difficulties

> with their car, housing and especially schooling for their children, Joe was rejoicing that two kids in the neighborhood have come to know Christ through their Kid's Club each

Friday and through the ministry of their children. A businesswoman has organized a monthly breakfast for church members. It was not easy for the Camposes to leave their familiar surroundings in Recife. Yet, they heard the call of God and said, "Here am I. Lord. Send us!" Praise the Lord that people in Natal are hearing the gospel through the lives of this missionary family.

Would you like to experience the mission field first hand next summer? TCM is hosting two short mission trips-Africa Safari to Kenya and a new trip to Cambodia called Asia Adventure. Now is the time to start preparing. Details will be coming shortly. Contact TCM if you have questions.

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Urian Rios. Oversees Bible training in Recife, Brazil.

Reflecting upon the past, evaluating the now, and anticipating the future of the Grace message in Brazil, I believe all comes down to three issues:

TRAINING - TRAINING - TRAINING

The things you have heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Tim. 2:2

Adequately training and fully establishing leaders has been the biggest ministry

struggle we have faced and hinders our growth potential. However, we thank the Lord for what we have accomplished in the last two years.

In 2006 I taught a program called Advanced Studies in

Dispensational Theology to leaders who had Bible classes before, but had never graduated. Last year I coordinated an internship with two men who came from the south of Brazil: Roberto and wife Iridiane worked in Ibura with Doug LeFeber. Ewerton, a single young man, worked in a daughter church of Boa Viagem with Pastor Miguel Maia. Last December Roberto and Ewerton graduated with certificates. Ewerton then returned to the south to further his education and get involved in ministry there, while Roberto remained to minister in Ibura in the north.

Immediately after this step, we had to decide how to train other potential leaders. Taking into consideration all factors involved, especially an evaluation of what has worked in the past: the most effective way to provide ministry training here in Brazil is by extension, often called distance learning.

For many hours I visited online Bible schools, colleges or churches that offer this kind of program, gathering hundreds of pages of teaching materials. I was able to draft a comprehensive program of theological education by extension. We now can offer three programs:

Introductory Studies In Dispensational Theology - for young people interested in ministry or who want to gain a better understanding of the Bible in preparation for college;

Applied Studies In Dispensational Theology- a ministry program designed for those interested in ministry who have completed Introductory Studies in Dispensational Theology;

Advanced Studies In Dispensational Theology especially designed for people with theological education in other institutions but considering a ministry in one of our grace churches.

The programs will all be online courses, but students can also take a CD class or receive printed materials by mail. The great advantage of this website is the ability to reach

> out to people all over the Portuguesespeaking world, as well as members of grace churches now living all over Brazil.

Please remember that Brazil is the largest Portuguese-speaking country in the world. Setting up this website helped solve my two basic problems: creating and hosting the website for free. Of course, www.sete.webnode.com is all Portuguese, but if you use any online translating tool, you will get the idea of the content. Two classes are already uploaded. Three applications are in process. I am also using the website

to post dispensational material, sermons and Bible studies.

Pray for Sistema de Ensino Teológico por Extensão. With more finances we plan to move the website to a host offering more resources. We look ahead to great things with this means of training.



erman and Marlange Okasaki are developing an evangelistic small group ministry in Serra Talhada, a prosperous city in Pernambuco State, Brazil, in the region known as Sertão do Pajeu. The population is 80 thousand plus, mostly Roman Catholic. Herman moved to Serra Talhada in 2006 due to his secular job.

The small group meetings take place in households in the neighborhood. Today they average 12 participants from different ages, teenagers and adults. All members of the group are enthusiastic to open their homes for Bible study. Each week the good news about Christ is shared in a different home.

Besides weekly meetings the group is encouraged for one-on-one discipleship using basic materials about Christian life while keeping up close relationships. Herman sees his ministry as a training for believers in Christian service, developing local leaders for future small groups, encouraging people to read their Bibles to help overcome the low education level in the city. 🌣





HANDPRINTS IN HEAV



Project ABBA Ministries

by Michelle Campos and Vicki LeFeber













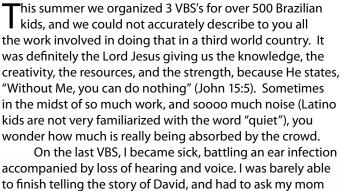












Vicki to come up and share the message of salvation, because my voice was failing and I was having an even harder time keeping the kids' attention. It was definitely a fuzzy event for me. But God promises that His word will not return to Him empty (Isaiah 55:10,11). Next morning, the last day of VBS, Isabelle, my 5-year-

old, came into the kitchen and said, "Grandma Vicki, last night while I was in bed I was thinking about what you said at VBS, and I decided to pray and ask Jesus to forgive my

sins and come into my heart." No blur or fuzz in her wordsshe knew she had made an important decision and she was happy to share it with us. We were never quite sure if she was ready to fully understand it before, but that day I knew her name was written in the Book of Life. We are simply instruments in His mighty hands. God is the one who works and is responsible for the results.

Today Isabelle's prayers include: "Thank you, Lord, for what I learned at VBS and for cleaning my heart and coming to live in it." There is nothing blurry about God's impression in one's heart! It is crystal clear.

Imagine a little handprint in heaven for every child who comes to know Christ. In reality we are being "used" by God to introduce Jesus Christ to children, to model Christianity, and offer them an opportunity to give their lives to Christ at an early age. Maybe, just maybe, one day we will see a gazillion handprints in heaven because of sharing the Gospel with children through Sunday School, VBS, children's church, and missions abroad.





Contrary to popular belief that "numbers don't lie," one can be easily fooled by the numbers reported by many statistics on the growth of the Gospel in Brazil. Who would not be impressed by such numbers?

- One of the largest practicing Protestant communities in the world;
- ♦ Between 1980 and 2000 the number of evangelicals doubled, reaching 26 million;
- ♦ The second largest TV station in Brazil is owned by an evangelical group;
- ♠ In Rio de Janeiro City alone there are 40 new churches started every week; a denomination started in Brazil in the 70's has spread to 40 different countries.

If these numbers reflected reality, you might ask why Brazil still needs missionaries, but a close analysis of these statistics reveals that about 70% of the 26 million so-called Protestants in Brazil come from churches that do not in fact preach the Gospel. They claim to be Christian, but most don't preach Christ as the only means of salvation. His name is mentioned repeatedly during their services,

but the real focus is on monetary giving as a means to bargain with God to be financially blessed. A prominent idea in these churches is, "If you don't give great amounts of money to God, you have no right to be healed, saved, prosperous, and so on"-theology based on deception and fear, and not the Good News proclaimed in the Scriptures.

In Rio Grande do Norte, the state where Natal is the capital and main city, only 14% profess to be Christians. Out of those 14% at least 70% come from the prosperity theology churches, leaving no more than 4.2% born again Christians. This is the reason why God put this uneasiness in my heart that led us here. We want God to change this false picture of success and replace it with the transforming

life that many of us have experienced through a deep relationship with Christ. Natal City is known by its nickname: The Sun City. We pray that God will change it to *The* Son City. 🌣

Joaquim Campos, Brazil North Field Rep. Joe & Michelle are planting a church in Natal, at the eastern tip of Brazil.



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arch 1984 I Miguel Maia meet missionary Doug LeFeber who shares the dispensational approach to Bible study making right division in God's Word of truth, removing my doubts as to the beginning of the church, the Body of Christ, and other doctrinal questions. During this time my ministry is among youth in the Bible Church in Boa Viagem, Recife, north Brazil.



Denise & Miguel Maia. Brazilian gospel singer & evangelist.

June 1985 I begin intensive evangelistic crusades using gospel films from COMEV (Evangelism Communications) and Evangelism Explosion Clinics for 18 months in more than 300 cities in 24 states.

February 1987 I return to Recife City to pastor the Bible Church in Boa Viagem until Edival finishes his studies to assume the pastorate. We give much emphasis on evangelism, teaching Bible studies in homes and apart-

ments. God gives us precious fruit such as Brother Manuel and his wife Francisca. Denise and I marry and move to Goiania, Goias, where the LeFebers are living. Denise and I begin a traveling ministry: Denise as gospel singer and myself as evangelistic preacher, traveling all over Brazil as well as doing radio programs. With Doug's help we offer free Bible studies. God gives us our first daughter Diwlay in November 1988.

December 1989 Our ministry is suddenly interrupted when we suffer an auto accident returning from evangelism in Bahia State. I undergo two surgeries and spend six months unable to walk while Denise begins 10 operations and 10 months in bed, five in a wheelchair and five on

crutches. Once Denise is able to travel in her wheelchair, we resume our evangelistic crusades and Denise records her 16th CD. From Goiania we move to São Paulo before returning to Recife to help pastor the Bible Church of Boa Viagem and to help Doug getting started in Ibura.

January 1995 God gives us our second daughter Maianne. We then move south to São Paulo and rededicate ourselves for evangelistic crusades and the radio ministry.

January 1999 We accept the challenge to reopen the Bible Seminary in Campina Grande do Sul, Paraná, South Brazil. We repair buildings and hold training meetings with the youth and workers in the region. By 2002 the number of youth increases so we offer TCM classes in some of the churches. A church is started on the mission property and those studying with us teach religion classes in some of the churches. What an opportunity to preach Christ! I also begin to help the Ponta Grossa church in Paraná during the cancer treatment and home-going of Pastor Jovany, Vicki LeFeber's nephew. God leads us to Roberto and his wife

Iridiane. We return to Recife to pastor Ibura Bible Church and to start work in Jardim Jordão.

March 2005 While I am Ibura pastor and responsible for the congregation in Jardim Jordão, Roberto and Iridiane now work in the north in Ibura. Manuel and Francisca are leaders of a new church in Dois Carneiros. All this valuable help from missionaries and pastors means I am traveling again for evangelistic meetings throughout Brazil. Pray for us! 🌣



Doug & Vicki LeFeber observe. "Thank God for this couple whom God has called-who are teaching and reaching others!"

2 Reasons why Kids' Bible Clubs are a MUST when Planting a Church

- **Kids are more open to the gospel.** When you share the gospel with kids, they don't worry about what others are going to think, about the challenges of being a Christian in today's society, or about the sins they have been engaged in for so long. When the Holy Spirit touches kids' hearts, they understand they sin and need forgiveness, that Christ died and rose again to save them, and most of them simply say, Yes.
- *Kids are more evangelistic.* Children love to invite their friends to the Club, they want their parents to come and see them in special programs, and they usually share what they are learning with their family. I remember when my son Nathan was only 2, my father-in-law wanted nothing to do with the Gospel. Every Sunday we had dinner at his house after church, and although "church talk" was never welcomed, Nathan would tell him the Bible story he had learned, make him pray with us before the meal, and even check if Grandpa really had his eyes closed during prayer. Today his grandpa is in heaven because Nathan had an opportunity no one else had, and gradually he was exposed to the Gospel until the day he gave his life to Christ.

The children we are now reaching through our Kids Club are: Júlia, Gustavo, Guilherme, Ilana, Larissa, Pedro, Yasmim, Gabriel, Raquel, and Amanda. Please pray for each of them as their lives are transformed by the Gospel, and the aroma of Jesus Christ is spread throughout our neighborhood.



Kids Club. Michelle Campos teaches kids from their Natal neighborhood under a tent with the colors of the Wordless Book.

Construction Begun

ou can see the construction of our building in Timbo, Santa Catarina, has begun. Volunteers help during weekends. The first floor will be Sunday School rooms, bathrooms, bedroom, kitchen and tool room. Our meeting place for Worship services will be the second floor.

The ministry is doing fine with Bro. Pedro Klug, our church president, leading us. Bro. Luiz processes registration and church building permits while also visiting the homes. Marcos is in-charge of construction. Our budget for first floor is 25,000 reais (\$15,000). My series on Practical Evangelism will end with the group going out for evangelism. Our next project is to buy property in Ibirama where I am visiting every 15 days doing house Bible studies. Daniela is our helper there. My wife Carmen always helps with women's Bible studies and my oldest daughter teaches children.

Last month we celebrated Antonio and Leonor's golden wedding anniversary which turned out to be an open door evangelistic meeting with about 90 people. Antonio and Leonor run the Serra de Uru ministry and they were one couple led to the Lord by my parents long ago. We plan for a camping site in Serra de Uru area.

Thanks a lot for continuing to pray for us and the ministry here.

Carlos Schmidt & Family







Reaching the Community. Pastor Carlos Rodrigues (middle back row) and members of Santa Rita Grace Bible Church at a night meeting.

Santa Rita Volunteers

▼ race Bible Church of Santa Rita meets in a backyard of one member in Campina Grande do Sul, Paraná, Brazil. For almost four years Santa Rita GBC stands with one objective: to reach the community for Christ, Lord willing, to even reach neighborhood barrios. Their small church is full of enthusiasm. A group of them works to evangelize and make the Body of Christ grow.

Among the many volunteers are Ana, Joseane and Beatriz teaching children's Good News classes. Cesar leads the Youth. Junior, Marina, Fabrício and Pamêlla head up Praise & Worship and specialize in Young People's retreats and children's special programs. Sometimes they invite the Youth from our coastal churches for a day of fellowship with games and lessons.

Pastor Carlos Rodrigues da Silva says: "We are confident in God that we can count on your prayers for us as well as for the ministry here."

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MEET . . .

Rick Hash





Secretary and board member of TCM since 1995. He and wife Patti with their 4 kids attend Community Bible Church in Rootstown, Ohio, where Rick is a businessman in the field of physical therapy. He has been

battling the fatigue of chemo and radiation treatments since May, but continues his involvement in church leadership and communication with the TCM board. Rick can be contacted at rhash@neo.rr.com.

SETTING GOALS

RE-ENTRY to Brazil

I remember one of my Bible School teachers asking me, "What is your goal $\,$ and vision for missions?" I thought deeply about that question, about my own goals and vision: GO OUT for evangelism! PLANT churches! TRAIN men and women who can faithfully help carry on the message of the gospel of the grace of God and teach the Bible rightly divided!

To go out for evangelism is what most of us would say is HARD. We begin to think of various obstacles which will discourage us, thus making us unable to go out. Because we will surely encounter people who reject us, people who will reject our message, insult us, and many more. On the other side, when we ponder on God's love toward us in sending our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins, then that fact becomes the motivating factor for us to evangelize and to bring the message of reconciliation to those people who are still considered as enemies of God. While God's Word tells us to plant and water, still He alone can give the growth.

We laborers experience hardships in the field when we are planting the Good Seed. Sometimes it seems hopeless to see whether there will be results-but when we see some of those good seeds starting to grow-right there also starts the joy of serving! We receive more encouragement to start a group of believers and form it into a local church. And then we can start training faithful men to bring the wonderful message of the gospel of the grace of God to others.

Our Plans

We are heading for south Brazil by December. The months at home in the Philippines blessed our hearts. Our fathers are well and we left them all with prayers and love. Now we turn toward the big city of Curitiba again facing its labors. I will continue as the Field Representative coordinating work for

by Gomer Indino



Paraná and Santa Catarina. Nene always keeps busy with youth, women's and children's ministries. And, of course, we keep singing together for our Lord!

TWO GOALS for South Brazil

- 1) Start to build a church building in the town of Timbo, Santa Catarina (see pictures). They have already started filling up and laying the foundation. We hope finances will come in so that we can finish the construction in a year.
- 2) Another area for our church planting is Santa Rita, Campina Grande do Sul, where we don't have a church lot yet, but this ministry was started over two years ago. We are now hoping and praying to buy property where a church can be built.

Bibles and Literature badly needed

Also as part of our goal for the church planting ministry, we will be investing in getting Portuguese literature into print for distribution.

PRAYER is vital to our ministry

We ask you to remember our vision and goals for south Brazil. 🌣

Gomer & Nene Indino have been TCM missionaries for 14 years. They are traveling in the U.S. visiting churches and supporters before returning to oversee the ministry in south Brazil.





BRAZIL NORTH

Project ABBA 2008

Every Christmas Season in Recife, Project ABBA purchases and gift wraps hundreds of children's shirts, tops, shorts, tee shirts and practical clothing items plus toys for their special Bible Evangelism Celebration program to distribute these gifts. The 2008 Project gets underway soon. In spite of escalating Brazilian prices, ABBA will reach out to 500 needy kids at \$8 per child this Christmas. Donations to help Project ABBA 2008 should reach the TCM office before November 15.



BRAZIL SOUTH



Children's Visuals

Every Saturday 70 or more kids attend *Good News Club* at the Santa Rita Church near Curitiba. Gomer & Nene Indino hope to provide in the Portuguese language several sets of children's visual aids for the three departments: *Beginners* age 4-7 years, *Primary* 8-10 years and *Juniors* 11-13 years. Sets available in Brazil cost \$35 each. The Indinos would also like to purchase 20 Portuguese Bibles at \$9 each for use at the Saturday Club.

BRAZIL NORTH NATAL

Church Planting Equipment

Joe Campos writes of many and varied needs to get started in the busy coastal city of Natal, needs like chairs, Bibles, and discipleship booklets, but Joe prioritizes the need for Bibles. The cost for these is \$435 or \$14.50 each.

Second priority is an Amplifier-Speaker, an instrument used to plug in a microphone, instruments and CD player for all meetings. A large city like Natal will take much time,



effort and the attraction of music and instruments. In homes or in public outreach, the Amplifier-Speaker affords the chance for the audience to actually hear the Word preached. The cost for the Amplifier-Speaker is \$600.

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