

# Brazil Update

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*Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

Romans 12:4-5

*This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 3:6*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We count it all joy that we are able to work together, as ambassadors of God’s Kingdom, to spread of the gospel to the poor in Brazil. I thank University Baptist Church of Coral Gables, First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg, LifePoint of Smyrna, Grace Church in Lakeland, and First Baptist Church Shelburn for working together with us in reaching the lost, bringing people to Jesus Christ, and helping them to grow more like Him. Thanks be to God for all the individuals that are faithful in prayer and financial support of our different ministries.

Apascentai Minhas Ovelhas is just an extension of your church’s campus, members together of one body, and sharers together in His promises. in Christ Jesus, God’s presence and love is being felt around the globe through His Churches. His light continues to penetrate the most hardened and darkened hearts of sinners until they confess Jesus as Lord and Savior. May we be found faithful in meeting the needs of the multitudes as one Man did, filled with HIS Spirit, almost 2000 years ago.

## C A M P 2 0 1 1

What a fun filled, energy depleting time! Waking up early, playing hard, eating (of course!), challenging services twice a day and getting to bed VERY late was the order of our days. God’s Spirit moved upon these teens bringing repentance of sin, transformation and renewal of life. Several teens, in particular, had deep, convicting encounters with God- Praise the Lord! This year we had campers from Jarinú, Varzea Paulista, Gleba B, the city of Sorocaba and Nate from Ellenwood, Ga.

The biggest obstacles that we have every year in Camp are the sleeping and eating arrangements. Our own living room is a girls “Cabin” holding 15 girls! It’s was wall-to-wall mattresses. What makes that even more incredible is that they ALL have to share the same bathroom :) The living room in the other house “cabin” held around 18 and a very small guest room slept another 8 girls/women. As for the boys.....between three small rooms we had about 20 cozily crammed in. Since we could not fit all the boys in the rooms available there were about 10 of them sleeping in the open-air church area. Our space is very, very limited, even for sufficient eating areas where everyone can sit down at the same time. We look forward with faith for a new building called .....continued pg 4



## H E L L W I T H O U T T H E F L A M E S !

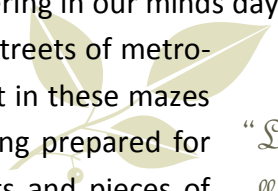
As I walked into the invaded high rise building, within the favela Moinho, my knees became weak, my hands began to shake, and dizziness tried to take over me. I was overwhelmed by the spiritual oppression and poverty of the souls there. The burden I felt in my spirit was so great it caused me to stop walking. At that very moment I took that burden to God the Father sitting on His glorious, heavenly throne of grace.

This abandoned building, in the state of Sao Paulo, was invaded on all three of its levels by street people, drug users, and poor people who had built their wooden huts within its somewhat outer walls. Entering into the bottom floor was like entering a huge, damp, dark dungeon. It was hard to see but we managed not to slip on the slimy goo, mixed with human feces, on the floor. The strong stench filled our nostrils and would be lingering in our minds days later. Heaps of recycling material brought in from trash piles left on the streets of metropolitan Sao Paulo towered over our heads. One could easily get lost in these mazes of trash piles (money generating piles of recyclable materials) being prepared for sale. Worse yet, these piles of plastic, cardboard, wood, and bits and pieces of different types of metal provide a perfect environment for rat infestation along with the wooden huts. Scattered lighting, whether by sun or electricity, provide physical glimpses of this very present **hell without the flames**.

The lack of fresh water, food, trash pickup, sewage system and the incapability of these people to clean their huts with running water shouted "community abandonment" in the Sao Paulo society. Little kids are left on the street without supervision where drug lords' rule and violence is an example of idolized power. Prostitutes walk the streets surviving in the hardships of life. Their many offspring are kids of different colors of skin and features unlike themselves or their brother or sister. Many of these children are unaware of a life **with** a father. Living in despair, helplessness, suffering (physically, emotionally, and spiritually), hopelessness, and loneliness not being able to look into the future for relief....It ALL reminds me of a **hell without the flames**.

There may even be a preacher available to preach the gospel, but where is the shepherd who will shepherd them into the next generation? Jesus had to repeat himself to one of His closest followers... **If you love me take care of my sheep**.

God's word says that those who do not believe in Him are condemned already. The very real, eternal, penetrating hell of flames and torture will one day reach these people if they do not hear and sense the LOVE from a true sincere disciple of Christ.



"Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."  
John 21:17

## L I F E T R A N S F O R M A T I O N S

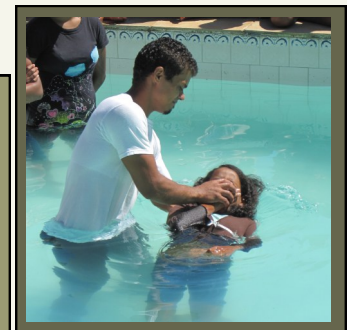
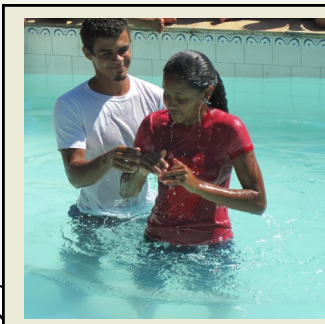
In 2010 we experienced more baptisms in our ministry than ever before. That blessing continues into 2011 as we see more and more people inquiring about Baptism classes. In January we had a wonderful baptism of two young women. One of them was our next door neighbor. The



way she came to know the Lord and get baptized here is something that only God could have orchestrated.....Our neighbor has a horse ranch and rides in shows. She never had an interest in getting to know us or our ministry before. Last year she wound up spending several months in Oklahoma receiving a type of [horse riding] training from a Christian woman there named Joyce. While there she attended Joyce's church and liked it. She started reading the bible and a hunger to know more started. She flew back to Brazil with Joyce and, just by chance, they met up on our dirt road with Pete and Anderson where they briefly chatted before Joyce was whisked off to the airport. She was surprised to find out that her young friend had American missionaries and a church right next door. Making a long story short our neighbor called us and wanted us to visit where she expressed a desire to have bible studies. After a short time she accepted the Lord and marked her baptism for January. Joyce was in northern Brazil and was able to make it here to see the baptism. She was very excited to see her friend baptized and had her home church praying for AMO and the baptism that Sunday. We felt HIS presence in a very special way.

Many of you know Rita who is one of our Seminary Students and who lives on the mission property with us. On February 20th all four of her sisters were baptized. They all testified of their love for Christ in front of 110 people Sunday morning. After the service many hands went up to pray, declaring who Jesus is to them. Continue to pray as some of the newer people were touched by His Spirit. A few expressed a desire to be baptized and others commented how much they enjoyed the evangelistic service.

We also have several believers wanting to be baptized in Campinas but we are waiting to organize a larger group of people to take advantage of the trip as it is very costly with fuel and tolls.



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In closing I would ask for you all to pray for our personal support as missionaries. One Church that has loved us so faithfully, financially and personally, has had to drop their support for Brazil. We learned that over the years they used special funds that are no longer there. Even when there were no more funds left TWO years ago, they faithfully gave beyond anyone's expectations. We love them and want to continue our relationship with the many good friends we have made in their congregation. We are excited for them as they are now more foreign missioned minded than ever before. PTL! Due to economic conditions ALL of our supporting churches have decreased their support to us resulting in more than a 50% drop! Please make this a matter of prayer.

...cont, .....the WOW! (Warehouse of Worship!) where we will be using for many stages of AMO's growth. We would like to dedicate initially the second floor area for the future AMO's Kids. (Bea's Bunkers)

**Please pray that we can hold *several* camp activities though out the year as God blesses.**



### T A X - D E D U C T I B L E D O N A T I O N S

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