



Recife Short Report

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Catching Up

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May, June, July, August and September
A Year of Milestones (and it is not over yet)

Churches in Recife with help from brethren in the states are starting a children's home. When the Boa Vista church floated the idea of selling the local Christian camp we put our heads together and came up with a better solution. The camp was getting expensive to run. We needed ideas about how to keep the property and use it for God's glory. Having a children's home here is really a 20-year-old dream of Christians in this region. The Boa Vista church who holds ownership of the property yet who always acknowledged it belonged to all the churches in the area agreed to allow the property to be used for this purpose. We have already used the property to serve needy children in the area as we have reported previously.



Next began the process of funding. Contacts made by former missionary to Brazil, Alvaro Mello in the U.S. at the Hartselle, Ala., church, <http://www.hartsellechurch.org/> proved to be interested in the possibility. They are already active in such a work in Romania.

Four representatives from the Hartselle church in Alabama along with Alvaro Mello, visited Recife in April and were thrilled with the idea. I had invited Maciel Vieira, former director of the Christian Home in the state of São Paulo, to be present while they were here and they were also impressed with him.

Based on what the representatives saw in Recife, the Hartselle church decided to oversee the work and Maciel was hired as the director. Maciel moved his family to Recife in July and is rapidly making the changes necessary for the camp to house children in need. We had committees meeting before he arrived to work on the organization and those have since been organized into a directorship and papers have been drawn up for the non-profit organization called the Manna Home (L.A.R. Maná). The new children's home should be operational by the first quarter of 2009.



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Milestone - 10 Year Anniversary of the Church in Boa Viagem - May 13, 2008



Many former members, preachers and visitors were present to worship together and then to celebrate the church's first 10 years.

LST – May-June



Our thanks to Missy Robinson (not pictured), Kensey Harris, Jarrod Taylor and William Liddell who came to help us with our English speaking contacts. After the two informational meetings, there was a total of 63 readers signed up for the four of them! (Some are pictured above) They arrived in May 11th and flew out June 21st. Great young people! Great effort and may our great God bless them in their plans for the future.

Family Day and Course on Evangelism – City of Salvador May 25, 2008



“Torch” June – 2008 – 2nd Annual Mission Trip
Danny Bratcher – Teammate



Orphanage, Kids, Children’s Hospital, Food Distribution, Playground Construction, VBS

Daniel and Jana Campaign – Hillcrest church of Christ in Abilene, TX - June 21-28



What a great VBS! Small group; big impact!

Yancey and Jennifer House, Rebekah Scott, Rena Seay and Charlotte Marion representing Hillcrest

Bellevue Campaign - July 21 – August 1



Besides their participation in the 10 year anniversary celebration this group gave pertinent classes to wives of our alumni and womens class at church, singing classes with Steve Blackman and great singing exemplified by the talented singers who came with the group.

Visits to hospitals and orphan homes and work on our building rounded out the efforts of the group.

Milestone - 10 Year Anniversary of the EBNESR Ministerial Training School – July 26



Including those who will graduate this December we have 40 plus graduates and many were present to celebrate with us and to participate in the renewal campaign held by the campaign group from the Bellevue church of Christ. Alcides, director of EBNESR and his wife, Esmeralda are pictured to the right.

We Said Good Bye in August

Goodbye to an old and trusted friend who has helped us win many souls for Jesus over the last 5 years. The School of the Bible building was just getting too expensive to continue renting and maintaining. We have moved all our operations into one building which will simplify management and cut costs. I'll send a report on our location – one we were already renting that now houses EBNESR, School of the Bible and the Boa Viagem Church of Christ.



Maceio Team – September 2008

Our team in Maceio has had 8 baptisms in the last 5 months. I was speaker at their *two year anniversary* where both churches in the city came together for a unified church service. There were 43 present. They were also celebrating their newly rented building. This is a team of EBNESR graduates.



Family Day in Fortaleza + Preaching at Colonia - September 28, 2008



The small church of Colonia where one of our students recently started as evangelist invited me to speak Saturday night at a special evangelistic meeting. (Charles, Emanuela, Ana Lyz and Ana Livia. EBNESR graduate) Sunday I preached at a unified worship service for all the churches in the state of Ceará. More than 800 were present. Thought you might like to see the pulpit at Colonia!

I did not forget the recent annual Bible Bowl or the September the 7th Women's Day nor did I forget the most outstanding week of classes at EBNESR just last week. Those will have some individual treatment later.

So much has happened in the last 5 months that this seems like a year-end report. But it isn't. Here are a few things coming up to round out the year. Please pray about these.

October: --Louve-Cante (Singing Workshop in Fortaleza) I'll be presenting a lecture on the history of music in the church and one on the song leader.

--Speaking to church leaders in Natal-RN Brazil about ways to use the talents and abilities that God has given us.

November: --Quito, Equador – I'll be speaking at the PanAm Lectureship on Discipleship

--Leadership Encounter ELICAMP

December: --EBNESR Graduation (5 students will graduate)

Looking to the Future: January 2009



It has been a exciting and busy 5 months but even more exciting for us is that our daughter, Amanda Moore, her husband, Justin and our grandson Elijah will be joining us in the work here in January. Also, Daniel, Jana and Jack Palk will be returning to the work here at about the same time. Pray for both families as they look for additional support so this timetable will happen on schedule. And, help support them financially, please! We know that this is a difficult time economically but we also believe God will provide. Take a look at Justin and Amanda's web site www.themooremission.com.

Blessing from Recife-PE, Brazil,

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