

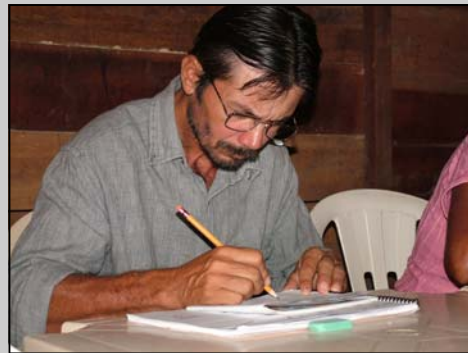
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Xingu Mission Field Report



Center for Regional Development

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40. The Center for Regional Development or CDR is our response to that call. CDR is run by Steve and Elba Dolan, Pastors of the Igreja da Vinha Mirante. Its main purpose is to help give people, particularly the underprivileged, a hand up by teaching them skills such as computers, English, reading and writing, as well as giving people who cannot help themselves a helping hand. We believe that active involvement in the church and the community is the way we follow in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus. *xm*



Steve, Elba and Camilly



Luciane receiving a wheel chair



Edite learning how to read and write

Computer and English School

CDR's computer and English school focus is to teach the underprivileged in the community about computers and English. It accomplishes this goal by providing quality education and keeping the cost of classes extremely low at only R\$15.00 (\$7.00 USD) a month.

The computer program teaches programs such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint and Windows. Computers have started to really take off in Altamira.

It is estimated that 370 million people speak English as their first language, and another 1 billion learning English as a second language, so essentially one quarter of the world's population speaks English to some level of competence and demand from the other three-quarters is increasing. So the need to learn English here in Altamira is no exception. There is value and empowerment when a student is able to speak English.



Swe Ellen teaching computers



Denise teaching English



Giving vaccinations

The other plus to the computer program is that the students must perform one community service project. For example, our first computer classes in September 2005 went to local schools and taught on venereal diseases and the dangers of pre-marital sex. This semester the students participated in CDR's yearly outreach to the community called "Total Health". Total Health is an outreach to the community where CDR invites local Doctors, Dentists, Lawyers, hairdressers, and anyone else who would benefit the community to come to a central location and give their services for free. Our objective is to help the poor obtain services that are very difficult to obtain while spreading the love of Jesus Christ.

CDR's computer and English school is really benefiting the community and is opening doors of opportunities. *xm*

Handicapped

The World Health Organization states that over 25 million people around the world are immobile and without money to buy a wheelchair. Wheelchairs are very expensive, in fact, the cost of one here in Brazil is about 4 months salary which is too much money for the families of disabled children. They want to be able to provide for their child but when you are living hand to mouth, a wheelchair becomes unrealistic.

So CDR with your help is helping bridge that gap and making what seemed so unrealistic, a reality.

Freedom, independence, and choice are the gifts that CDR is giving. The wheelchairs and walkers are just the mechanism to give them these fundamental rights that every person wants for their lives.

To date, we have distributed a total of 34 wheelchairs, 11 walkers, 3 baby carriages, a house, and various medical supplies and procedures. *xm*



Josimara (above) received a wheel chair, as well as Thalia (right) in 5/2006. Adilson (top right corner) received his wheel chair in 9/2005 as well as, Jair, who received a walker.

