

Planting Churches Training Leaders

What is the value of being focused? The value is that by always keeping the main goals front and center of planting churches and training leaders, it is simpler to constantly remember what we are trying to do and why. There are always many good things that clamor for our attention, our resources, our time, our energy, and our hearts. By staying true to the purpose and the things we value, we can achieve that which God has called us to do.

We are asking you to partner with us in praying, giving, and going.

- 1) *Please pray for the Brazilian church to continue to grow into mature leadership.*
- 2) *Please pray for our missionaries and future missionaries as each one seeks God's will and plan for their lives.*
- 3) *Please pray for health, protection, and provision for those that are working through the local churches, both Brazilians and Internationals.*

Presently, we are running a \$1,000.00 deficit monthly for the Altamira Base Fund. Please help us cover this difference by making a monthly commitment or one time donation. We need your financial help and prayers. Please use the enclosed form or go on-line at www.xingu.org/15a1_altamira_donation.html to make a donation today to continue planting churches and training leaders in Altamira.

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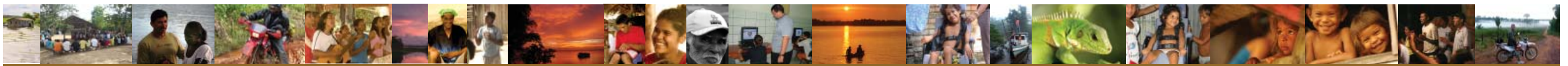
“FIEL” is a Portuguese acronym for “Leadership Fundamentals”. The goals of FIEL are to provide teaching, training, and practical experience for the students in a weekend intensive. As a secondary goal, FIEL provides the opportunity to make initial contact with communities or to give encouragement to a rural church.

On average there are 35-40 students and we have designed the training in the format of a monthly weekend intensive. We take the students out to one of our rural churches where we train them both by classroom instruction and using practical training in serving the local church. It has created powerful life transformation in the lives of the students as well as influencing the communities where we have done outreaches. We visited eight different communities during the year.

One of those communities that we visited was a small community called “Belo Monte”. This community has a couple of thousand people and it is where the TransAmazon crosses the Xingu River.

The students had the opportunity to spend time training in the morning in one of several areas, including evangelism, children's ministry, drama, and worship. The whole team did an outreach event targeted at the children in the community. There was a positive response and many of the children came out to the event. It was a great moment and one of the girls on the team shared how she accepted Christ when she was seven years old and the





positive impact it had on her life.

In the evening, we had an outreach event in the small, multisport facility in the community. There was an excellent response with people giving their lives to the Lord. FIEL has made a positive impression on the students and it was wonderful to see everyone working together. It is a great place to give students the freedom to practice things in a learning environment. Plus, it has been a huge step in helping transfer the values of reaching out to remote communities to the next generation. XM



FIEL students worshipping on the boat



Denise is the Coordinator for the FIEL training. She spent two years at Bible School and has been a tremendous asset to the local church.

New works

Since its inception the Xingu Mission has had the vision of starting a church planting movement led by Brazilians. The basic strategy in Altamira has been to plant strong city churches that have a vision for planting other churches.

Due to various factors the work of planting strong and mature churches in this remote area is slow. Through the hard work of many in Altamira, we're seeing more of this vision realized. As the mother churches in Altamira mature and are actively planting other churches they are now giving increasing attention to the cities east and west on the Transamazon Hwy.



Cities along the Transamazon Highway

During 2009 the Mirante and Colina churches started a church plant in the City of Anapu (140 km east of Altamira). This new work started as the result of an interior church plant 45 km from Anapu. Through our work there, we gained a heart for the people and realized our inability to do more from Altamira. This spurred a desire to plant a mother church in Anapu that would be better suited to reach the hundred plus surrounding communities.

Similarly, the Altamira Central church has started a church plant in the City of Brazil Novo (45 km to the West) and has secured land and is forming plans to start a church plant in the City of Uruara (180 km to the West) during 2010.

These are truly exciting developments for the Altamira region. XM

Short term teams



Madison County Vineyard

The Madison County Vineyard brought a short term mission team who helped one of our local churches. The church's pastor is Marcio from Independente II, and he is passionate for the Lord and the lost. Their church is meeting in his backyard, and for the last year they have been raising money to build a church by selling pizza during the weekend. Through the sales of the pizzas, the church was able to buy a piece of property. The Madison Vineyard came along side Pr. Marcio and some of their congregation to help with the construction of the church building.

It is really great to see sister churches from two different continents coming along side one another to support, help, encourage, and pray. The church still has a ways to go before completion, so please keep this in your prayers. XM



Pastor David from the Cleveland Vineyard preaching at Trapichinho

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor mud...can stop the gospel! We took a team from Cleveland to Trapichinho, a new work with only a few Christians. We had a little trouble getting there... the water levels were low, so we had to walk several yards through deep mud to get to the village. It was so worth it, though. We met for church under the mango trees, and Pastor David Welker from Cleveland spoke from his heart about how trees produce fruit, tying the story beautifully to the gospel. Twelve new Christian brothers and sisters were born into the Kingdom that day! Pastor Ademir from Souzel will follow up with discipling these new believers. XM