

BMX Race Neighborhood Outreach

The BMX racetrack is 450 meters through the ravine behind our church building. The donated prizes: two BMX bikes and two cell phones. I feel sorry for the kids who do not have bikes, or even dads to buy them bikes. Moms can buy bikes too, but in our neighborhood if there is no dad, the mom is usually too busy keeping food on the table and paying the electricity bill. Some kids rode borrowed bikes. The purpose of the event was Friendship Evangelism.



BMX Race

1. We want to be Good News to our neighborhood.
2. We want to earn a good name in the city as we work with at-risk youth.
3. We want to link the words fun and church together.
4. We want people who have been hurt by religion to come.

We are on Facebook and we all write blogs. We post stories, photos and videos. Please email us! Would you like to help us? The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. We would love to talk with you. *RGB*



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Xingu Mission Field Report

Xtreme Mercy
Planting Churches and
Training Leaders

Leadership Class

Our first three years here in Marabá consisted mainly of construction projects and friendship evangelism. With Ivanildo and Monica we became accepted in our notoriously wild, Marabá neighborhood. Then we (the Bergens) left on a year-long furlough. Ivanildo and Monica, with the Lord's help and protection, kept this whole project running, absorbed a new missionary family (the Raes) into the team, avoided major catastrophes and even continued the Leadership School throughout the year. All these leaders and students come from a difficult past. "My mom dropped me off as a baby when I was a year and a half old." "My mother was killed a few months ago when gunmen came and shot her five times." "My brother is in jail for armed robbery. My mom goes to visit him every Sunday." Ivanildo himself has wild stories. "I used to go to town specifically looking for a fight. I would ride my horse right into the bar and no one would stop me. Afterwards I would be so drunk I would get on my horse and pass out and my horse would take me home." These young adults are beating the odds, crying out to God for help. What type of leaders do you think they'll become?

For the Leadership School graduation party everyone scrimped and saved. They borrowed gowns and hats. The fancy cake was made with eight recipes including 56 eggs and shredded coconut. It was delicious! The girls who live here on the "chácara" and the neighborhood women worked every night for a week to make 1,200 pastries. There was cold soda-pop right until the end of the party.

Shortly after their graduation Eliel (one of the grads) started planning the BMX Race event. The whole class pitched in to help make it a success. We look forward to seeing what this next year will bring. *RGB*



Graduating Class

