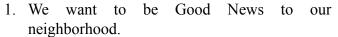
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### **BMX Race Neighborhood Outreach**

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.



- 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 For the Leadership School graduation mainly of construction projects and friendship party everyone scrimped and saved. They evangelism. With Ivanildo and Monica we borrowed gowns and hats. The fancy cake became accepted in our notoriously wild, Marabá was made with eight recipes including 56 neighborhood. Then we (the Bergens) left on a eggs and shredded coconut. It was delicious! year-long furlough. Ivanildo and Monica, with The girls who live here on the "chácara" and the Lord's help and protection, kept this whole the neighborhood women worked every night project running, absorbed a new missionary for a week to make 1,200 pastries. There family (the Raes) into the team, avoided major was cold soda-pop right until the end of the catastrophes and even continued the Leadership party. 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?

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



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## Why Are Kids Attracted to Drugs and Prostitution?

Friday our church hosted a Drug Awareness night. Over 90 young people came. After a graphic drama and a video with testimonies, a guest speaker spoke. The youth were all ears. Drugs are very attractive to many of these young people even though they all have family members or close friends that have died because of it. Just last week Railan's neighbor stabbed the guard at the high school (two blocks away) seven times. So why are intelligent young men attracted to drugs? I can think of three reasons.



Drug Awareness night at church.

- 1. It offers a temporary escape from hopelessness.
- 2. It's easy money for someone who has difficulty getting a good job.
- 3. It is cool to have new clothes and a nice cell phone while doing something dangerous.

These are the same three reasons young girls in our neighborhood are attracted to prostitution. Does God have any answers? How can we be "Good News" to young people like these?



Youth volleyball and cook-out at the river

- 1. We pray that God will change their hearts. He is the Great Transformer.
- 2. We generously speak words of hope.
- 3. We encourage school attendance and reward good grades.
- 4. We teach about the value of hard work, stewardship, and commitment in relationships. In some cases we can help them get jobs.
- 5. We model healthy family relationships. When our neighbors hear that Deanna and I are having a "date night" they almost always burst out laughing. The idea that a husband would date his wife...they have never heard of it.
- 6. We are working to build a community of peace through our church.
- 7. We continually challenge our community. "God is looking for church-planters and missionaries from this group." **RGB**

## **BMX Outreach Event**

"Can we have a BMX (think Bicycle Motocross) event? We could combine this with a Drug Awareness teaching. I am sure local businesses will get behind this to give us some prizes." Eliel was talking to Ivanildo about a different sort of church sponsored event. Here is what it took:

- 1. A printing press donated posters and flyers.
- 2. The newspaper and TV both did stories about us.
- 3. Ivanildo roughed out a racetrack around our property.
- 4. A construction company donated dump trucks and a loader.
- 5. Local businesses donated two bicycles and two cell phones for prizes.
- 6. Someone made trophies out of bicycle chains and wood.
- 7. The police and a loudspeaker truck led us in a parade through town.
- 8. Church people worked the concession stand, first aid station, set up, clean up and did many other jobs.



Bicycle parade through the city



Gathering at the church

- 9. A guest speaker did a Drug Awareness presentation on Friday night.
- 10. We debriefed about how we can do this better next year.

The police were very helpful guiding our bicycle parade though miles of heavy traffic. Leolar donated their propaganda truck, cranking up their humongous speakers to blare a catchy jingle through the city over and over again, "*There are BMX races at the Igreja da Vinha*"

you are going to be addicted, get addicted to Jesus. Life with Jesus is more radical!" Emma did an endo when she hit another bike but thankfully, there were serious no accidents. RGB

tomorrow.

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Crossing the finish line