

Healing on the Streets

Ever since we had a conference in November 2014 called "Healing on the Streets". The churches have been continually engaging the community to reach people for Christ and pray for healing. Some churches have been meeting in the market place, outside a local grocery store, and on the board walk during the evenings.

The churches have prayed for hundreds of people. Some people want us to pray for them for a healing but a majority of the prayer request are for a family member or friend that is sick or in the hospital. Many times we have people come back and tell us that their family member is feeling great.

We also have many people receive the ultimate healing of receiving Jesus into their heart as their Savior. **XM**



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XM Field Report

Planting Churches & Training Leaders

Rafael - Living Waters

We invited Rafael to be one of the people that we are training in Living Waters. He is such a great young man. God did some significant healing in his life in the area of rejection. It has been a great few weeks having him work alongside of me (Art Rae). He is very insightful and sensitive to what God is doing in people. Below is his testimony.

My name is Rafael and it was my first time participating in the Living Waters program and it made a much deeper impact on my life than I thought it would. I thought it was going to be about our sins, or our everyday

lives, or those common things that people experience. But God wanted to address some things in me that I'd never let him have access to before. I went through some difficulties in my life during my childhood, and I wanted to bury what I'd been through, so I never let anyone talk about it, because I didn't want to remember.

I had a hard time worshipping God during a specific worship song that says: "I want to be like a child, to love you for who you are, to return to my innocence (childhood) and



Rafael



Art Teaching Living Waters

Rafael - Living Waters



Living Waters students and future leaders

believe in you.” Every time I listened to this song I didn’t like it, because I didn’t want to go back to my childhood. I just wanted to grow up to be independent, to never need/depend on people, and also I never wanted to have a relationship with God. For me God was in heaven and I was on earth. I was always looking for something to do, how to get money and how to have my independence, so I grew up very proud and the bible says that God resists the proud people. On the third lesson they were talking about family, about a mother carrying her child. It touched me very deeply. My mother left me in the care of my grandfather when I was 2 years old, promising to return for me. She never returned. God wanted to heal this

deep wound of abandonment. I was estatic because God showed me that He was with me in all the difficult stages that I went through. He is in control of my life. If I am here today, it’s because He wanted me to be here, it was not because Rafael was good at something, or because I wanted to be independent, or I wanted to fight or be strong, but it was because He led me.

I want to thank Artur. I say that Artur had to leave Canada so my heart could be transformed. I think God must be very proud of Artur and Cyndi because they have helped us. For all of you who are reading this testimony, don’t hold back from talking to God about something that you are going through or have gone through. If God wants to deal with it, it is because He is your father, He is the one who knows your life, your heart and what you need. Thank you.

Rafael

God continues to speak to Rafael about how He wants to father him in new ways. Just last week, while he was eating lunch at a little restaurant near his work, a father and son walked by him holding hands. God spoke to him, “That is how I want to walk with you.” Rafael thought to himself, “Aw ... I’m just making this up,” but God responded, “No, I want to love and care for you that way. Let me.”

This really impacted him. ***XM***

Piratinga



Milton and Erika with their family

We are so pleased as a mission to expand our boundaries from the Northern part of Brazil to the South of Brazil. It is our heart to draw as many as possible to Jesus. We are grateful for Milton and Erica Lucas to join forces to continue to train leaders and plant churches.

The Piratinga Vineyard Church is located in the heart of Sao Paulo State about 4 hours drive from Sao Paulo city, and about 40 minutes from the Bauru Airport.

The base is a training center for church planters and missionaries called to Southern Brazil. The South of Brazil is urbanized with an excellent infrastructure with specific points of poverty in the rural areas or around big cities. Brazil is a huge mission field.

The church gathers 500 people weekly in 2 Sunday services. It is a well established ministry with four different worship teams, 20 small groups, Bible school classes for all

ages, 5 assistant pastors, several community projects to serve the city and two church plants in development. The Piratinga Vineyard has planted and helped plant at least 15 other churches during its 25 years of existence.

Milton and Erika Lucas are the senior pastors of the church. They served as missionaries with YWAM. They were part of the church planting team of the Piratinga Vineyard in 1990. Erika is also a Speech Pathologist. Milton has degrees in Law and Theology and he is serving as National Director for the Vineyard churches of Brazil. He organized Vineyard Music Brasil in 2001 and since 2014 has been involved with the development of Vineyard Institute. They have 3 children: Miguel, Melissa and Mateus.

Please consider supporting the Piratinga base by going to our website at www.xingu.org as they continue to train leaders and plant churches. If you are interested in serving along side of them. Please email steve.dolan@xingu.org. ***XM***



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