We need more Missionaries

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Luke 10:2

The great commission is in action here in Brazil. We have been asked to partner with the Association of Vineyard Churches to help plant churches in 8 key locations in Brazil. This is a great and wonderful challenge that the mission wants to participate in fully. The Xingu Mission's vision is training leaders and planting churches.

As missionaries we feel called to expand the Kingdom of God through church planting. Missionaries are key in this role because of



Map of Future Church Plants

their willingness to serve, their ability to work well with others, their mobility, and belief in the empowerment of the local leadership. They are able to come into these new cities and start forming relationships and connecting people to Jesus. They go and serve forming the foundation of the church, training leaders and then releasing it into the hands of local leadership. It is a great adventure filled with God's daily provision and grace.

We want to help fulfill this vision of the church but we need more missionaries. It is my prayer that we would have 20 more missionary units serving in Brazil within the next two years.

If you feel the Lord is calling you to missions, then we would love to talk with you. Perhaps you know someone that has the call to be a missionary. Please pass this along and encourage them to reach out to us. We need your participation. You can contact Steve Dolan at steve.dolan@xingu.org or call him at (614) 259-5465.

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Field Report

Planting Churches & Training Leaders

Cristoval

Every year, the Vineyard churches in Altamira come together to celebrate "Cristoval". It is a 3 day retreat for young people to replace the annual hedonistic festival of Carnaval so famous here in Brazil. This year, Pastor Elba Dolan invited the members of Lifeline Ministries, Jim Anderson, Jason Cisco, and Sean Allen, to be the speaking guests for the retreat. Lifeline Ministries focuses directly on helping youth and families heal from various forms of sexual brokenness.

While the youth were having their retreat, Pastor Jim and his team also held a conference at one of the churches in order to reach many of the parents of our youth as well. Both the youth retreat and the family conference were powerful, and the presence of God, a tangible force.

For the northern region of Brazil, family life is often a tale of brokenness and fragmentation. It is not unusual for a girl as young as 15 or 16 to start having children, mostly outside of a committed relationship. She will likely go on to have more children with other male

partners, and these men are often absent from the children's lives. If the fathers are present, they usually bring with them some form of violence and addiction. It is also not uncommon for unplanned children of young mothers to be passed off to other family members. In the end, a child could have 3 or 4 different care givers before they become adults. The people of this region are, in many ways, like orphans, never knowing the security and stability that family life is supposed to offer. The love and nurture of



The young men praying blessings over the young women

Cristoval



Not even the rain was going to stop these youths from recieving the blessing God had for them at Cristoval

a father and mother is, sadly, a foreign idea to them. And of course, the cycle of brokenness continues into the next generation.

These dysfunctional relationships have a profound effect on their view of God. It is difficult for many Brazilians to understand the idea of a loving Father. Presenting their true hearts to God is not a habit they are accustomed to. They often see God as an authority to be submitted to, not the One that cares about their suffering and wants to heal their wounds.

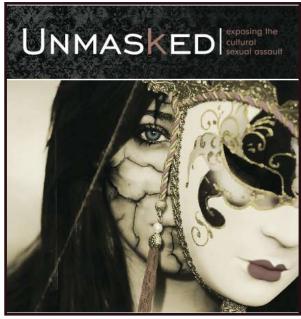
This conference made great strides in changing their views of God. Through the testimonies of healing and redemption of each member from Lifeline Ministries, many became open to seeing our God as a compassionate, loving Father. Many opened up their hearts to him to confess their own sexual sins and allowed him to



Just 1 of the 6 sleeping accomodations during Cristoval

cleanse them with forgiveness. Many families were touched and turned around to start a new journey and tell a new story of what it means to be a family.

Please, keep the Brazilian people in your prayers as God continues to heal their broken past and leads them into a new future.



Jim Anderson book "Unmasked"

What about Bob?



Bob (grey shirt) with some friends from the church

Lea Ann's, disinterest after presenting the idea. still moving up. a hope." The Lord was preparing me for my to train leaders and plant churches.

future ahead of time even in the midst of this difficult time.

The next step came when I thought I would go to Brazil and "spy out the land". I came away from that experience impressed with the missionaries, the work they were doing, and felt the Lord calling me to Brazil. Following that call, I arrived in Altamira, Brazil as a missionary in November 2014 with a sense of favor from God, being privileged to serve with people that I had grown to respect and grateful for those who were supporting me.

My pre missionary field training raised an expectation of a difficult transition. I really expected home sickness, physical sickness and waking up with snakes My first experience in Brazil was on a short in my bed among other things. I had no illusions term mission team and came after a significant of grandeur. I have lived here in Brazil for over 2 event in my life. I left my job in the construction years and thankfully none of those expectations have field to care for my mother in law, who needed materialized. This indeed has been one of the greatest a health care provider. This opportunity to step experiences of my life. I have lived with a Brazilian away from the working world for a time allowed family most of the time being here and it has been me to see how the Lord would change our lives. wonderful. The difficulty I have encountered has After a period of time I must have been ready to been with language acquisition. Although I have hear what the Lord had in mind because during enjoyed the process of learning, it has been the most an afternoon of just talking to the Lord about significant learning challenge in my life. To not be life and what to do next, I heard "Why don't discouraged, I believe the Lord gave me an image of you become a missionary?" It seemed like the a mountain climber climbing a high mountain. It has perfect idea, so I was perplexed by my wife, been a slow process up, but I am thankful that I am

However, after some time went by and Lea Ann As I continue to move forward with my life with was diagnosed with stage four cancer, I realized Christ and serve Christ as a missionary, it's good to it wasn't the time to pursue this call. Lea Ann reflect on how God has sustained me, strengthened passed away four months after her diagnosis. As me, led me and just has been with me through so Jeremiah 29:11 states "For I know the thoughts much. Knowing this is who He is and to trust that that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts about Him will help in my future transitions in other of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and new places as I continue to be a part of reaching out