

## 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 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](mailto:steve.dolan@xingu.org) or call him at (614) 259-5465.



Map of Future Church Plants



# XM 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

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