



Empowering Brazilians To Share The Light Of Christ

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A Touch Of Fall

It is amazing as we try to understand what church looks like here on the islands and how to fellowship with one another. Our small group meetings are church for us and the format we use is non-traditional format found in the churches here in Brazil.



We hold our small group meetings on Wednesday nights. Our small group starts off singing a few songs that are still new to many in our group. Then we have some type group game. This varies from week to week but last time we bobbed for apples. Now this is not a Brazilian game at all, totally an American import.

The guys in the group took over the game from the kids and thought it was a great challenge to catch one of those little round apples. Here the apples are all small and shipped in from a distance, many of them from other countries.

Then it is story time. Yes we tell stories from the Bible and sometimes act out the stories in an improve format with questions and discussion afterwards. This takes about the same time a traditional sermon would take only ours is a group activity. Then there is time for prayer and close with signing.

After we finish our time together people do not leave. They continue to fellowship and share one another's lives until it gets late in the evening. This is how our small group is growing into a church. Please keep us in prayer.

Bread Making Ministry

One of the ministries Ellen is carving out as a contact making and relational bridge is home made bread. Home made bread is still found in many of the river communities because Brazilians like bread and in these remote communities this is the only way to get bread.



On our Island of Cotijbua we are a mixed culture of city and river people. So Ellen in many ways has captured a lost art here on the island. She will make bread in the morning and deliver it to people she knows and other she is trying to build a deeper relationship with. She normally makes small dinner style rolls so she can share it with a number of people.

She has used her cooking skills to invite a handful of ladies over to learn how to make her style of bread. The recipe that seems to be the biggest hit with our island friends is recipe from our sending church's cook book. It come from a 101 year old lady who is also one of our long term supporters.

Pray for this outreach as Ellen turns bread into a open door to connect with the ladies and share the Good News and Pray for these women and families.



Reaching Out Cost Cash

We have not had to ask donors to increase their giving for a long time, but this year things have changed. We have lost some individuals who died or lost jobs along with some small churches whom have closed. The mission also change some funding structures now putting us \$10,000 short of our budget.

We now need to raise an additional \$900 a month to cover our cost. There is no opportunity for us to generate funds here in Brazil so we are totally depended upon all of you. Please share our ministry with your friends. Many of you have facebook connections, please use these opportunities to spread the word how they can help change the world.

Marriage

A new idea is taking root in our group, Christian Marriage. Many in our group and in the culture here just have live in relationships and some have been together over fifteen years. As we share the Good News and these people see our lives as a testimony of what Jesus call us too, they are talking about getting married. One couple has taken the step to be officially married by the state. One couple has taken marriage vows and pledging to save up their money to get legally married by the state. It cost around \$100 to get married, which for these folks it is a substantial amount of money out of pocket.



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