

Josh's Mission Report from Recife, Brazil



Update October 08!

Hello! It has been a while since I've sent an update from the mission field here in Recife, Brazil. Lately I've been quite busy, having to readjust to the culture and begin new ministries. But I want to give you a quick update on all that is going on this side of the planet!

- **Brazil Mission 2008:**

This past summer, I was able to come back to Brazil with a few friends from LCU: Tyler, Briana, Miles, Nicole, and Robin. We had a blessed time getting involved with several ministries and orphanages that the church is working with. Some of the highlights of our mission trip was working with the children's home "Lar Cristão" (*Christian Home*) in São Paulo, and with "Amai" (*Love*) in Rio. We were able to share with them some blessings from the churches in the US, and spend time with the kids teaching them about Jesus. We also worked with several ministries in Recife, teaching the Bible in English at the Escola da Bíblia (*School of the Bible*) and coordinating the Acampateen (*regional teen's camp*).

We were able to experience life in Brazil, from the different food, to the customs, to even being mugged at the beach one night! You can find all of these stories in more details at www.brazilmission2008.com.

The Brazilians felt very blessed with the visit of our team, and send their thanksgivings to all the churches and brothers and sisters in Christ who made this possible.



Our team with the kids from the children's home in Rio.

- **Working in Brazil:**

In the beginning of August, my team returned to the US and I stayed to work full time with the church in Recife. So far it has been a blessing and I have been able to rekindle friendships from before I left for college, and meet different needs within our congregation. I am working as a youth minister, focusing on teenagers and young adults. We have weekly gatherings, among several other activities to help shape our youth into godly men and women. I am also teaching the Bible in English at the School of the Bible as an outreach effort in the community. English is a great tool for people in third world countries, and it attracts many students to the School of the Bible.



Teaching a course at the School of the Bible.

Lee and Sandy Mallett, from Hermosa Drive church of Christ, paid us a visit recently and had an opportunity to co-teach a class in English for the our students. They had a great time trying to have English conversations and get to know each other.

We recently had a Mission's Month in several churches in the region, and I was asked to share my experiences from my time in Africa last year. Stories from Africa Mission 07 info can be found at www.joshuapruitt.com.

- **Dreams for the future:**

The elders at the downtown congregation have requested that I continue working full time in the ministry here. I plan on starting a Masters in Christian Ministry through LCU this spring. They offer a great program for missionaries who are currently in the field. So if you know of any scholarships, please pass on the info.

I am very passionate about the work here, and I have many dreams for our church. One of the dreams I have is to begin a social project for the kids at one of the most known ghettos in our cities. I ask that you may keep all of this in your prayers because Recife is becoming one of the most violent cities in Brazil, and consequently one of the most desperate for the Good News.

Once again I want to thank you all for your continual support, prayers, and care for God's Kingdome work on a global scale !



A day at the park with the youth from the church.

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