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▶ How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those
who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"
- Isaiah 52:7

Redeeming Recife

LCU Team in Brazil



In May Joshua graduated from Lubbock Christian University with a degree in Communications. Aurení was very sad she could not be there and walk with him at the ceremony. However, the next month our kind Heavenly Father opened a door for Joshua and five friends from LCU to come and spend nine weeks doing mission work in Brazil (happy mom!). Six of those weeks were spent with us in Recife. The last three weeks were used working with two orphanages in the south of Brazil.

They kept their days packed with meaningful activities. While in the Recife area the team organized two Vacation Bible Schools. Also they organized and taught a weeklong intensive English Bible course in our SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE outreach program. The interest from the community was so great that we had to divide the group of 80 students into three different class periods. In addition that Saturday evening all the students got together for an "English Café" party with a coffee shop feel and Tyler providing the entertainment. And if that weren't enough, the team

helped organize and carry out our annual TEEN CAMP. Sixty teenagers came for four days of fun and study on the theme of "The Apprentice", with the aim of becoming better apprentices (disciples) of Jesus.

As I write this the five are winging their way back to the U.S., while Joshua has just arrived back in Recife where he will work with the church until December. At that time he plans to continue his education in a masters program in missions.

Besides the fruit they wanted to bear for their Lord in foreign soil, the team came to have their worldview expanded, their comfort zones challenged, and their hearts broken for Christ and His Kingdom. I believed they achieved that and much more. You can find more details on their site at www.brazilmission2008.com.

"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. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.'" - Luke 10:2-3

With the city of Recife in the background, the team pictured here is (from left to right):

Joshua Pruitt, 24, Recife

Miles Gullette, 22, Porto Rico

Nicole Gutierrez, 23, Denver City, TX

Briana Riley, 21, Lubbock, TX

Robin Reedy, 23, Artesia, NM

Tyler Bethea, 23, San Antonio, TX



Using VBS to connect kids from the community to Jesus