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Denham's In Brazil

Feb 15, 2012



FIEL sends first missionary to Portugal

Dear Friends,

The text above reads, "Serving the church in Portugal by encouraging, equipping, and supporting the cause of the Gospel."

When my father and mother arrived in Brazil in 1952 and began the first Christian bookstore in Manaus, they could have only envision the day that the "Mission Field" would become the sending nation. For over half a century, they labored in church planting, publishing, conference ministry and investing directly in the training of pastors.

Today, one of these pastors, who had in years past been part of the "Adopt A Pastor Project" had the privilege of partnering with FIEL in sending a missionary family to Portugal, to work with FIEL in the same ministry that so deeply impacted his life.

I first met Edvanio in 2004 soon arriving in Brazil. Having felt the call to work with the Fiel Team as a Graphic designer, Edvanio closed his small graphic design company. We soon saw that he also was gifted with event production, where he became a vital part of the conference team. It was on one of these trips to the Portugal conference, that Edvanio felt the Lord calling him to that needy and very challenging mission field..

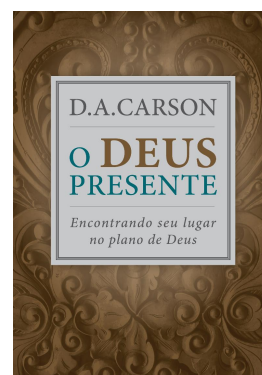
A few years back, we had almost decided to close the conference work in Portugal, as it a huge financial burden on a already small ministry. When the Portuguese pastors

Edvanio and Rosilene, are headed to Portugal

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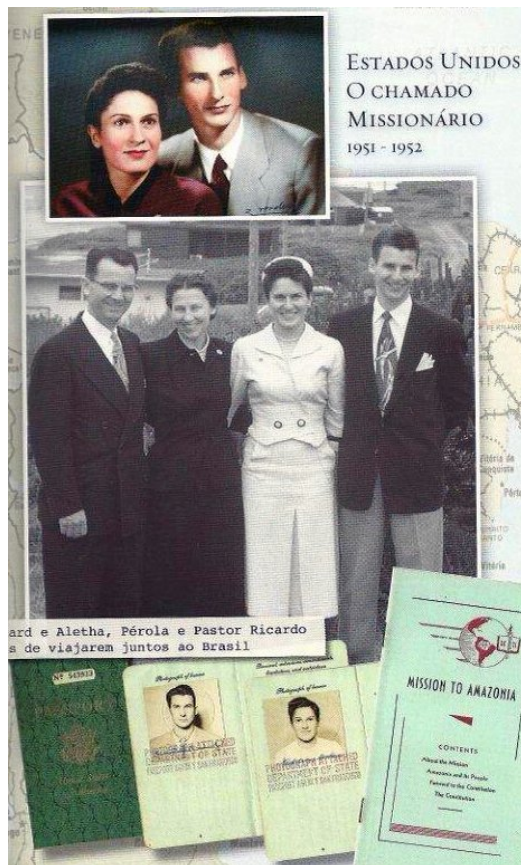
"THE GOD WHO IS THERE"

and Joshua Harris's "DUG DOWN DEEP"



heard that we were considering ending the work, they pleaded with us to continue investing in Portugal.

After first meeting with his pastor, Edvnio approached FIEL about the possibility of working in Portugal under the direction of the FIEL ministry. In this last year, Edvanio presented the project in many partner churches, and was able to raise enough support to move this January. Please



**FIRST
9Marks MODULE IS
FULL!**
and there have been
**600 online
registrations!**

In the effort to create more content to support the training of national leaders, we are starting courses called CFL, which in Portuguese stands for "Leadership Training Courses."

The first being offered in 2012 are :

The 9Marks modules

watch the short video below to find out more about it!



James & Lilah



continue to pray for his support, as he is still not fully funded. Edvanio will be coordinating the Adopt-a-Pastor project in Europe. He will be seeking to include new pastors in this project and will also act as our National coordinator for the FIEL conference and magazine ministries in Portugal and the E.U. We are

also thankful for our partner churches in Portugal, several of which have been so helpful in assisting them upon their arrival.



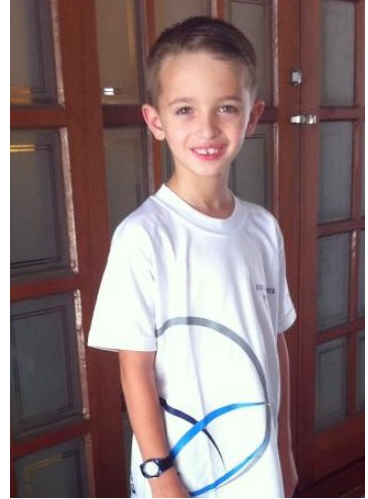
24/01/2012 - Tarde de sol, amenizando o frio, com o grupo que nos recepcionou. Da esq. p/ dir.: Pr. José Henrique, Edvanio, Raissa, Elisa (esposa do Pr. José), Rosilene, Vinicius, Marina e o casal Cláudia e Paulo Mussi.

Family News

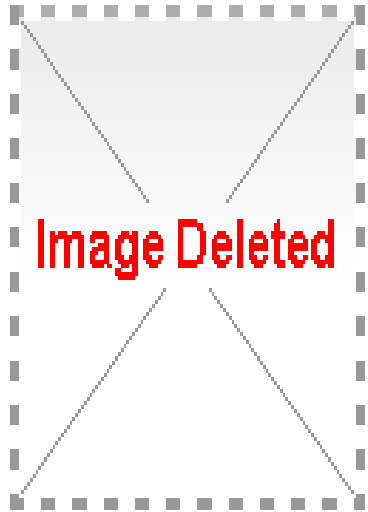
It is back to school time here in Brazil. We enjoy making friends with our neighbors and having opportunities to share the Gospel with them. Several of our neighbors work at Embraer, which has grown tremendously in meeting the global demand for economical, modern regional jets.

We live near a park, and in the evenings we enjoy walking while the children race their scooters. Its summer here, and the country is getting ready for Carnival.

I just returned from Fortaleza in the northeast of Brazil, where we are praying about taking the FIEL/ Together in Christ event in 2013. We were so encouraged to see the Lord at work there, and humbled by their outpouring of love towards us. Bellow is a photo we took this Christmas. We are all grateful for your prayers and partnership in the work.



James just started the second grade last week and is happy to be back after an almost 6 week break. (The new school year starts in January.) His favorite after school activity is playing soccer and riding his scooter in the evenings. He is making many new friends. Just the other day he asked Kimberlie, "Mommy, is it hard to get a girl to marry you?" Hmmm..... it looks like this tenderhearted boy is already thinking about the future.



Lilah had her first day of kindergarten last week and she is loving it!. She was so excited on the first day that she ran into the classroom and didn't even look back to say goodbye to Mommy. This little one loves to color and make crafts and is often singing while doing so. Daddy's heart melted the



Mom and Dad are such an encouragement to us. The other night I had a wonderful time praying with Dad. He prayed for over 20 minutes! He is not able to walk on his own, but is faithful to pray for us. It has been hard for mother to see him going through these physical trials. His degenerative disease, Multiple System Atrophy, is not well known, and we do not know what to expect. Some days are worse than others, but he never complains, and is always such an uplifting person to be around--always thanking the Lord, and thinking of others!

We are so encouraged by those of you who took the time to write and let us know you read our newsletters and are praying for us. Thank you!!!! It means so much to us to hear from you! **In His bonds,**

Rick Denham, and family

Col 3:1-3

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Let us know if you hear of anyone coming to Brazil, or going to any Portuguese speaking country, on a missions trip. We would love to

other day when Lilah said, "Daddy, I can't get enough of you!" (Something we have never said nor heard her say!) It's now her favorite compliment. We love this precious girl!

Prayer and Praise Matters

* Please pray for Edvanio Sliva and his family as they have arrived in Portugal and are setting in.

* Please continue to pray for my parents, who are battling old age, and need our love and encouragement

* Please pray for the 9Marks modules that are to take place this year. We are swamped with online registrations, and need wisdom on finalizing all the details of the courses.

* Please pray the FIEL conferences in 2012. Especially for the new conference in RIO this October. Like with any new opportunity, there are many costs and challenges where we need the Lords blessing.

*Continue to pray for mom and dad. They are in good spirits, but life is hard for them! Please pray for their nurses, some whom are not saved. Mom recently fell and is ok but still sore.

* We are getting ready to begin accepting applications for our missions trips to Africa and Portugal .Please pray the Lord will bring the right people, and that we might have discernment in choosing which people we should take.

* We have hundreds of Brazilian pastors on the Adopt a Pastor project

support their trip with good literature! We have some great tools that can be used in Evangelism as well.

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list. We need sponsors for these men!.

* Please pray for our children ! They have started school here in Brazil, and need your prayers.!

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We are looking for people who are skilled in VIDEO production and INTERNET / Social Media, and are willing to give us a month or more of their time. Please pray the Lord will raise up this new kind of needed missionary.

James and Lilah with Mommy at the Fruit and vegetable market



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