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Thank You Lord!

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Brazil! It's summer here in the southern hemisphere. I have to say that it feels very strange to be sitting here looking at our Christmas decorations on a day that the temperature is in the mid 90's.

This year has gone by so fast! So much has happened, so, in these few words, we want to bring you up to date on what has been our best year in many ways. By "best" I do not mean easy! There have been many challenges, but all of which the Lord brought us through. We have been blessed to see the fruits of the many years which my parents sowed in this land. It was our privilege to be able to be a part of this, and see the work growing and reaching the Portuguese speaking peoples of this world in ways that we could have only dreamed.

Conferences

We Praise the Lord for the most attended FIEL conference in our history! In 2011 we hosted six conferences in 3 countries. We want to say a special thanks to speakers from the States, UK and Zambia. Greg Guilbert was with us at the College conference,

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2011

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NEW!

FIEL Leadership Training
Courses:

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

John Piper and Stuart Olyott were with us in Brazil, John Crofts in Portugal, and Ronald Kalifunga from Zambia in Mozambique.



In 2012 FIEL hopes to begin a New Conference in Brazil, it's second pastor and Leaders' conference. Currently we have only one conference, which takes place just outside the city of São Paulo. Next year, Lord willing, we are also

going to Rio de Janeiro. This opportunity was not something we were looking for, but something that many people over the years have been asking us to do. With the coming of Pr John Piper this year, we wanted to test an event in RIO, which would eventually lead to a conference which would visit all the main capitals of Brazil. Inspired by events like Gospel Coalition and T4G, we met this last January with a group of pastors in RIO to organize an event around Pr Piper's visit to the FIEL conference this last October. We used the statement of FAITH similar to the one produced by these ministries, to clarify what our intentions were. We are thankful to say that registrations for the event in RIO with Pastor Piper held at the RIO convention center, was full within a few weeks of when it was announced.

As a result of this event, the group of pastors and leaders we worked with asked us to begin the a FIEL conference in Rio in 2012. Please pray with us as we prepare for these two conferences for Leaders in Brazil.



In addition to this new Brazil conference, we have long been needing to establish a work in the emerging Capitol of Mozambique: Maputo. For ten years, we have been blessed to partner with the Medical



"Leadership Training Courses."

The first being offered in 2012 are :

9Marks Modules

We are excited to announce the recent partnership with 9Marks in hosting 4 modules here in Brazil. Several pastors affiliated with 9 Marks will be teaching together with Brazilian pastors the 9 Marks of a healthy church. This will also become a DVD series streamed live, for free, to the online community, and credit will also be earned at the best seminaries in Brazil.



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New TULIP DVD series,

By John Piper.



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the message on Unconditional Election.

This and many other resources are given away for

missionary Charles Woodrow for conferences, in the Northern part of Mozambique . With the difficult transportation questions, and the fact that the majority of educators and learned leaders are from the south, we needed to be closer to this capital city.



We have chosen to, in addition to continuing the conference in the north, start a weekend conference the week prior in the Capital. Please keep us in your prayers, as I will need to make a trip to Maputo this march to meet with local missionaries, national pastors and ministries, to finalize plans for this first conference scheduled for July 13, 2012. We have noticed that other mission boards which have sent missionaries to Africa, DO NOT send their missionaries books, or other resources in Portuguese. This also has opened the door to equip these Christian workers with books in the Portuguese language.

In January I will write about the work in Portugal, and update you on our own Edvanio Silva, who has heeded the call to serve with FIEL in Portugal.

Publishing Ministry

2011 has been the **most productive** year ever in the FIEL ministry for publishing books! Our Editor Tiago Santos, has done a tremendous job! This year we will have published almost two books a month, and we re-printed more than forty titles. The new releases include books from Don Carson, Mark Dever, Joshua Harris, John MacArthur, R.C Sproul, Albert Mohler, Michael Hakin, Mary Beeke, Adauto Lourenco, John Calvin, John Piper, Greg Guilbert ..



free! The production cost per message is around \$500 US. We are currently finishing up the series called "LET THE NATIONS BE GLAD" We would love to make much more available as funds are available!

Story Of God's Provision:



It is the dream of every missionary to see the national believer embrace missions. When mom and dad first came to Brazil, they could only dream of the day that the Brazilian church would be a sending church. This year, with that focus in mind, we at FIEL decided to take our first group of Brazilians to be a part of the work in Mozambique. We did not know what to expect, but trusted that the Lord was leading us to make this step.



We did not want to make this a "Missions" trip, but instead really expected the Brazilians to work in various forms of ministry at the conference. The group was chosen carefully from dozens of applicants. (This surprised us!) We selected those who we feel could serve the work best. They included 2 pastors, workers for children's ministry, a technical couple to



Internet Ministry

This year we have seen the online community double since 2010. There are currently 42,000 subscribers to our monthly newsletters. Each month they receive free content such as Audio books, Articles, Ebooks, Videos, and other helpful Free resources that will aid the Christian worker in their lives and ministry. Our team is excited to find ways in which we can produce and share content. The most recent, was the LIVE page. This page as seen bellow , connected over 55,000 views from around the world, to the FIEL conference. We saw accesses from 55 countries, with an avg of 30 minutes per view. We are in need of more content. This is expensive, and as we do not sell it, the live events have proven to be an useful in equipping people with the preaching from the conferences.

work the production, and several others which seemed to fit the various needs.



We all worked hard, the local missionaries were surprised how well the Brazilians interacted and served the conference. They already spoke the Language, and were immediately loved by the Mozambican people. And, to all of our surprise, after returning from the trip, one of the couples was responsible for a donation of \$200,000 US toward finishing the Hospital of our partnering American missionary in Nampula. It is encouraging for us to see how the Lord chose to use this effort to bring glory to himself and to encourage our partners there in Mozambique.



James & Lilah



" Congratulations to all those working to Stream this conference. I came to know reformed theology recently via the internet, and I marvel and am touched to be so close to these speakers, and to hear such comforting words. May God continue to Bless you in your goal to reach all the lost in the world via the Internet, Thank you very much! "

Aline Louise.

Family News

It is time to rest a little before the new year begins. Our family is grateful to our Lord for his Love and protection over our lives. I have had to travel much this year, but Kimberlie has even had it harder due to some physical and emotional challenges. She had her Gallbladder removed, and an infection in her intestines, which put her in the hospital for a week. She has also had an emotionally hard year as she found out her mother is battling cancer.



James and Lilah are doing great in Brazil. James just finished first grade, and is already reading in Portuguese. He loves to play tennis, and is always making friends. He loves to play and build things. He is a loving little boy, that has the ability to melt his teacher's heart. We are pretty certain James was his teacher's favorite student.

Lilah is our little flower! She loves to get into mommies make-up, and loves to wear headbands like in the photo above. She even sleeps with them, if we let her! She loves to sing, and is constantly drawing and cutting out her artwork. She is so excited about starting school this January. Since starting swimming, she now calls herself a mermaid!

Prayer and Praise Matters

* Please pray for Edvanio Sliva and his family as they are scheduled to move to Portugal this January.

* Please keep Kimberlie and family in your prayers as I will leave them in March to head to Maputo to finalize plans for the first conference there.

* Please pray for the 9Marks modules that are to take place this year. The first is march 3. We are planning on having Pr Mark Dever from the US. You



My parents are doing well, but in need of constant care. Dad does not speak much due to his illness, but is able to pray and continues to be an encouragement to us all. Mom is doing well, and is still able to play the piano. She even played some at this year's conference.

We will not be returning to the States this Christmas, as we need to stay close to my parents and to the work. We have many challenges ahead, and covet your prayers and support.



We hope to make it to the States in 2012, and would love to present opportunities for you to invest in the work being done. There are many challenges and opportunities to faithfully spread sound biblical theology to pastors, leaders and families worldwide. We are thankful for several US ministries that have seen an opportunity to impact not only the Portuguese speaking world, but to equip one of the next greatest missionary sending nations on earth. Brazil is poised to reach Asia and the Muslim world like NO other nation. if we do not invest in lives here, and in the missionaries going, we will have missed a great opportunity. We have but one life to live, and that

can watch this live on March 3rd. We will send out an email reminder before the date.

* Praise the Lord for the best college conference yet! It was at full capacity, a month before the event. This year we are planning on having Brother TIM Conway from San Antonio. Please keep him and this important event coming this June, in your prayers.

* 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 who are not saved.

* We are hoping to take a team of Brazilians to both Africa and Portugal again this year. Please pray the Lord will bring the right people, and that we might have discernment in choosing which people we should take.

* We Praise the Lord for another year in which FIEL was able to meet its financial obligations. We depend on book sales and rental income, as less than 1% of our operating funds come from the US.

* Please pray for our family! We need wisdom in bringing up our children in a way that is pleasing to God.

* We praise God for our Staff, and their willingness to sacrificially work for much less than market value! We pray the Lord

must be lived with the urgency to burn our lives, for His Glory, that His kingdom might come.

In His bonds,

Rick Denham

Col 3:1-3

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