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Dear James,

These are exciting times to be doing ministry in the Portuguese speaking world! There is a genuine interest and openness towards the gospel. When it seems like prayer and God are being removed from our schools and even churches in the states, we see among those here a sincere desire to go deeper beyond the shallow self-serving preaching, to a more historically sound Bible-based teaching. One example is the Assembly of God pastor below, who is being reached through the pastoral project. In addition to sending your pastors books, and helping them attend conferences, we are directing them to the FIEL web site, where they can now find all 25 years of Fiel conference messages free for downloads. In addition to this, we are adding new articles to the site weekly, which cover various subjects by many past and current authors. Pastor Franklin Ferreira, our resident theologian and professor, also hosts a blog where pastors can interact with the ministry, as well as read more about church related issues and other content relevant to their daily lives. We are currently talking with several ministries like Grace to You, Ligonier, 9Marks and PRTS about partnering with us in using the FIEL web site to better reach and build this online community though free content. Please pray with us that the Lord will be glorified though our lives and ministry.

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying and investing in the lives of these men in the Portuguese speaking world.

For His Glory, Rick Denham

From the Director's Desk



Hello to our friends of the Adopt a Pastor Project! We want to welcome those of you who have joined our mailing list since the launching of our first e-Newsletter last month. We hope you will find the newsletter to be informative, encouraging and even challenging as we seek to advance the cause of God's kingdom and glorify our King Jesus through the ministry of Editora Fiel and the Adopt a Pastor Project.

During the month of March we saw several new pastors and seminary students adopted into the Project. Some having waited more than three years for a sponsor were filled with joy and excitement over the news of their "adoption". Please be praying for these men as they begin receiving solid biblical literature and making plans to attend one of Fiel's Conferences for Pastors and Leaders in their own country. Some of them will be there because you, your family or your church decided to make an eternal investment in the lives of Portuguese-speaking men. Read below to get a taste of the joy your gift is bringing to these dear brothers.

Testimonies

"It is a great privilege to be able to enjoy the benefits of the pastoral library project. The books that I have received are true tools used in God's hand to enrich our ministry. I pray for my sponsor even though I can't pronounce his name right--but my Lord knows him very well and knows how useful he is to the cause of the Lord here in this world." **Pr. Antonio C. Silva, Brazil**

"God be praised! I just received them (*The Deliberate Church*, Mark Dever; *Overcoming the World*, Joel Beeke; *Ministering Like the Master*, Stuart Olyott) and I can hardly wait to devour them. What a blessing! I continue being grateful to God for this ministry of reviving ministries. Mine is revived in the Lord..." **Pr. Arthur P. Carvalho, Brazil**

"[To be included in the Project] was the best news I have received this year (2009)!

Pr. Juliano C. Bitelli, Brazil

"I am continually grateful to God for everything He has given me. One of these benefits is your generosity--you folks of the church in the USA that adopted me to bless me--through the Adopt a Pastor Project." **Pr. Zito P. Vieira, Brazil**

"Thank you very, very much for your efforts and for your dedication to this ministry of sponsoring and supporting the Adopt a Pastor Project. Every book is a gift from God through you." **Pr. Ludgero Coelho, Portugal**

"I am profoundly grateful to God...for the opportunity I have of being a beneficiary of the Adopt a Pastor Project. I am thankful to God because this literature is going to greatly help me. I expect great strengthening and encouragement in reading these books." **Pr. Carlos Tique Jone, Mozambique, Africa**

Pastor Focus

Devaldo Lopes da Silva is the Senior Pastor of the Assembly of God in Venda da Cruz in the city of Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro. He planted the church several years ago and today the congregation has more than 200 members. His church has embraced the Doctrines of Grace and is preparing to hold their 5th Theological Encounter, a reformed conference for pastors and leaders, in August. Pastor Devaldo has been in the Adopt a Pastor Project for a year and half. In a recent letter he wrote, "I have a wonderful wife (Rosa Cristina) who is very active in the church. I can say that part of everything that happens in the church is because of her.



Concerning ministerial work, we have a group that works directly with families, and a good Sunday School on Sunday mornings. We have other ministry groups for evangelism, missions, etc. On March 10, 2009, the church celebrated its 11th anniversary by God's grace. Our hope and strength are in God who can do all things, who knows all things, and who sees all things. Grace upon grace!"

Closing Thoughts

Thank you for giving to the Adopt a Pastor Project, which God is using to impact the lives of pastors, their families and hundreds of people they minister to every week. We want to encourage you to forward the e-Newsletter to others that might have an interest in reading about what God is doing in the Portuguese-speaking world. May the Lord richly bless you!

Kevin Millard
Adopt a Pastor Director

I would love to answer any questions you might have about your pastor or how you may sponsor additional pastors. Please [email me](#) or call me (864) 278-8250.

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