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Ministry News

Dear friends and partners in ministry,

Greetings this Christmas season! As we reflect on all the Lord has enabled us to do this year, we once again see evidence of His grace touching every area of our lives and ministry. As you may have heard, we said goodbye to our dear mother and co-founder of FIEL ministries this March. However hard that was for us, we rejoice in her joy, to be reunited with her heavenly father, and those whom she loved deeply. Her life and legacy, is an inspiration to us all!



FIEL Women's conference in Brazil

Over the years we have observed the need for a healthy women's ministry, and to this end, we have encouraged churches and their pastors to engage their women with a biblical view of the roles women can have in their local churches. Topics like counseling, theology and sound doctrine are taught and discussed. We were so encouraged that our first event sold out with just over 500 women present.



Our first Conference in Guinea Bissau

In addition to yearly conferences in Mozambique, by God's grace and provision, we were able to support the beginning of a new yearly conference in another African nation. It was exciting to see

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FIEL partners with Desiring God for daily AUDIO SOLID JOYS devotions for 2017



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STUDY BIBLE update

This year we have been working with **LIGONIER** to publish the acclaimed **REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE** in the Portuguese language. This will be our first Bible! This has been a longtime dream of my father who had always hoped for FIEL to some day publish a study Bible. This has proven to be a huge undertaking. We have received all the needed approvals from the Bible society, and contracts are signed, but we continue to trust the Lord for making this dream a reality. Please join us in prayer that the Lord will provide partners who will stand with us prayerfully and financially in support of this costly endeavor.

churches in Brazil contribute just over \$3000 towards the \$8,000 cost. The theme was based on the 9Marks book, *WHAT IS A HEALTHY CHURCH?*



Mark Dever at the Brazil FIEL Conference

Here in Brazil we are also thankful to see God's hand at work in both the college and pastors' conferences. Both a blessing and encouraged many. After having just arrived from a year in Washington DC, It was especially encouraging for us to host 9Marks authors Pr Mark Dever, Jonathan Leeman and Greg Gilbert this fall, as well as host Pr Jamie Dunlop and 9Marks president Ryan Townsend to speak at the College Conference.

It was also a first for FIEL to host Dr Miguel Nunez from the Dominican Republic. We were encouraged to hear and see how well he was received by his fellow Latin Americans.

The **RIO 2016 Summer Olympic games** gave FIEL ministries the opportunity to provide an incentive for local churches to come together to evangelize foreigners and other Brazilians. Ligonier Ministries provided the resource and over 700,000 people received books in various languages. We are grateful to see the church in Brazil maturing and playing a greater role in seeing the Gospel spread around the world.



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REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE

ADOPT A PASTOR !



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The ADOPT A PASTOR MINISTRY has helped thousands of men over the years, and continues stronger than ever. Watch the video, and pray about how you might partner with us, and adopt one of the hundreds of men on the [waiting list](#). The combined approach of literature, Theological training, Conferences and one on one discipleship has proven to be a blessing all over the world. This three year program is at the heart of the work and continues to see much fruit. If you want to know more about this ministry, or want to volunteer for a month or a year, we are always looking for people who want to serve with us.

We would be thrilled to have you partner with us by sharing this project with your friends. Click [here](#) to download the PDF version of the Adopt a Pastor brochure and either print or share it electronically. or contact Pr Kevin at pastors@editorafiel.com.br



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It has been wonderful to be back in Brazil after having spent a year in the States. The training we received, and fellowship of a healthy local church has forever changed our lives. Having spent the year away from the day to day operations at FIEL, I was able to observe how we were so blessed to have such a great team at FIEL. While I was involved in the leadership and direction of the work, the day to day operations were well cared for in my absence. When I returned, I did not have to do everything, but simply support, guide and continue to give ideas consistent to our vision of equipping churches and their leaders in the Portuguese speaking world. In addition, this year we have accepted an offer from 9Marks to lead the international expansion of the 9Marks resources and ministry to the rest of the world. While it is part time work, I have had the opportunity to witness 50 years of ministry in a foreign nation seeing how God is building His church in the Portuguese speaking world. As a result, this experience has helped 9Marks to publish books in Chinese, Hindi, Spanish, and also encourage friends in Spain to begin a FIEL-like conference in Madrid. I recently had the opportunity to write an [article](#) in the recent 9Marks Journal which shares a little about what I have seen God do through FIEL and other ministries in Brazil, and the lessons we can learn from this.



Kimberlie has also been enjoying more involvement with the women at our local church. She recently introduced a cookie swap! I am sure the husbands will send their wives again next year! She has also remained busy homeschooling Lilah, and helping Julieta begin her first steps of reading.

James returned to Brazilian school, and was able to finish his semester with good grades. He is excited to be able to return to his former Christian school where he has close friends waiting anxiously for his return in January. Lilah has been enjoying tennis lessons and spending time with her friends from church. She has been getting good grades and gets all her daily chores done. We are very proud of her.



Little Pinky, as we call her, has been so much fun! We always kid around with her by telling her we won't let her grow up! She is

Prayer and Praise Matters

- * Please pray for the Reformation Study Bible publishing project. It is the largest and most difficult task we have undertaken to date. The cost will be over \$100,000.
- * Pray with us as we begin to promote regional conferences all over Brazil, and that these regional events would be a blessing, and that we might execute them wisely and serve the churches well.
- * One of the FIEL board members needs prayer for his wife, Renata, who has been in intensive care for several months after having surgery on her brain for a hemorrhage.
- * Please pray for Kimberlie and me as we seek to lead our children to love God and His Word.
- * Please also pray for James. He is beginning his seventh grade year. Pray for his salvation, and a desire to be pure and set apart for the Lord.
- * Lilah is doing great with homeschooling in the 3rd grade, but still struggles at times with anxiety over the workload. Pray the Lord would give her confidence to trust in Him, and peace to do her best!
- * Please also pray for little Julieta. She has a tender spirit, and is quick to want to do right, and please both God and her parents. She has a sweet disposition, and we pray the Lord will help us be attentive to teaching opportunities in her life.

*Pray for more laborers! We will miss Simona Spear, a recent college graduate who spent the last six months doing an internship at FIEL. Her photography, writing and people skills will leave us wishing she was still here.



a happy, friendly little girl with a gentle spirit, and a heart to love people. She loves the pool and begs to go in daily even when it's cold and rainy.

We hope this little update is an encouragement to you as you see how the Lord is working in and through our humble lives and ministry. We are thankful for your prayers. May the Lord continue to give us Grace and Peace!

If you know of anyone that would like to join us in Brazil for a season or internship, we would love to talk to you. With five diverse ministries under one roof, the opportunities for serving are numerous. We look forward to all that the Lord has in store for His work among the the nations! Please continue to keep us in your prayers!

For His Glory,

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We are grateful to have hosted Carl Vogel, a young man from Capitol Hill Baptist Church, who came down before heading off to Harvard Business School. His skills and experience were put to work planning and executing our Olympic Games outreach!

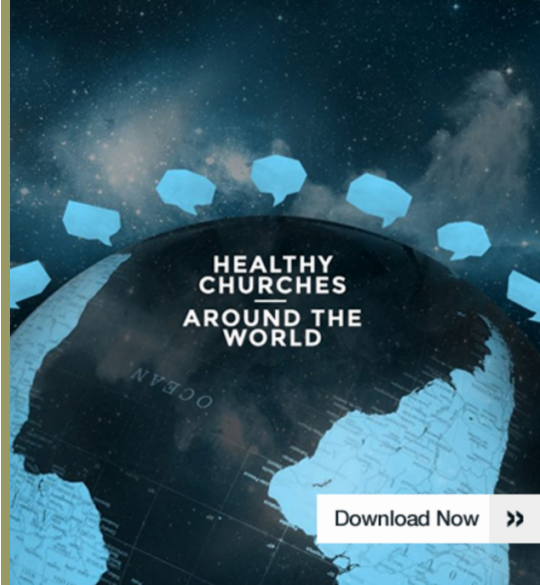
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* Recently I had the opportunity to reflect on how God has used the work of missionaries and other publishing ministries in Brazil these last 60 years. I hope this article will inspire others to work with a longterm view of missions.

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