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Pioneer Missions 2008 Ministry Report for Brazil
Ministries Coordinated by Missionaries
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I. Introduction

The multitudes of ministries accomplished in Brazil during 2008 were done with the blessing and empowerment of the LORD. Each one made incredible impacts on the local church, community and countless lives. We give GOD all of the GLORY for the results of ministry done this year throughout the country.

We are SO very grateful for the American volunteer teams that partnered with Pioneer Missions. To experience and witness the willingness of each volunteer to invest their time, talents, money, and above all their LOVE for CHRIST was truly inspiring. Each one made an ETERNAL difference.

We are also VERY grateful to our Brazilian partners along side of whom we have worked to carry out these ministries. From the leaders of the Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board to local pastors, lay leaders, interpreters, volunteers, neighbors and friends, each had a vital role in all that was accomplished. We praise the LORD for each one.

The following statistical information will help catch a glimpse of what was done this year in Brazil, but ONLY in ETERNITY will we see clearly the full results.

We celebrate and confirm the truths of the Psalmist in Psalm 126:3...

“The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”

II. Summary of PM Missionary Ministry and Volunteer Project Results

A.	Pioneer Missionaries Coordinating Projects:		
1.	Gary Taylor with Eduardo Soares		
2.	Tony & Karen Gray with Marcos & Jucileide Ferreira		
B.	Number of Projects:	13	
C.	American Volunteers:	225	
D.	Evangelistic and Church Planting Projects:	13	
E.	Evangelistic and Construction Projects:	10	
F.	Chapel/Church Construction Locations:		
1.	João Pessoa, Paraíba	6.	Chiapetta, Rio Grande do Sul
2.	Poços de Caldas, Minas Gerais	7.	João Monlevade, Minas Gerais
3.	Uberaba, Minas Gerais	8.	Itaporanga, Paraíba
4.	Nova Lima, Minas Gerais	9.	Porto Seguro, Bahia
5.	São Leopoldo, Rio Grande do Sul	10.	Mamede, Paraíba (roof)
G.	Evangelistic Material Distributed:	32,000	
H.	New Church Planted/Strengthened:	24	
I.	Home/School Evangelistic Visits:	922	
J.	Number of Children in VBS:	3,864	
K.	Number of Persons Hearing the Gospel:	16,313	
L.	Decisions for Christ:	4,135	
M.	Additional Ministries:		
1.	Medical Clinics		
a.	Medical Patients:	1,696	
b.	Dental Hygiene Kits	250	
c.	Reading Glasses:	5,061	
2.	Social Ministries		
a.	Events in Schools	1,900 students	
b.	Jesus Film	645 participants	
c.	Happy Feet	350 children	
d.	Pastors/Wives Conference	120	
e.	Home Bible Studies	200	

III. Multiple Church Planting Training Conferences in Partnership with Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board

- A. Porto Alegre and Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul = 360
 - B. Guarulhos, São Paulo = 118
 - C. Ravena, Minas Gerais = 50
 - D. Rio de Janeiro, RJ = 62
- TOTAL = 580 Participants**

IV. Details of 2008 Volunteer Mission Projects

A. Projects Lead by Tony & Karen Gray with Marcos & Jucileide Ferreira

1. Project Number: #2008-03-A
Project Date: March 8-21
Project Location: Claros dos Poções, Minas Gerais
Project Leader: Elwin Jones, Paul Elwin Gafford, Douglas Wehmeir of Heritage Baptist Church of Cantonment, FL Jeff Howard, pastor

Number of Volunteers: 3
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Marcos Ferreira

a) Chapel Construction: none
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 1,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 48
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 347
e) Decisions: 88
g) Additional Ministries: Prayer Walking
a) Claros de Poções
b) Boa Sorte
Special Visits;
a) Hospital
b) Local Government offices
c) Evangelical Churches

2. Project Number: 2008-05-01
 Project Date: May 24-31, 2008
 Project Location: Pereiras, São Paulo
 Project Leader: Jimmy Holcomb and the Greene/George Association
- Number of Volunteers: 16
 Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira
- a) Chapel Construction:
 b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
 c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 50
 d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 850
 e) Decisions: 251
 g) Additional Ministries: Children in VBS/Schools = 311
 Reading Glasses distributed= 350
 Jesus Film = 140

3. Project Number: 2008-06-02
 Project Date: May 31-June 7, 2008
 Project Location: João Pessoa, Paraíba
 Project Leader: Dr. Jack Hudson and the FBC of Hattiesburg, MS
- Number of Volunteers: 12
 Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira
- a) Chapel Construction: I.B. Jardim Aeroporto, Joao Pessoa, PB
 b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 1,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
 c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 10
 d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 579
 e) Decisions: 58
 g) Additional Ministries: Reading Glasses distributed= 600
 Medical Clinic=457
 Jesus Film = 120

4. Project Number: 2008-06-03
 Project Date: June 14-23, 2008
 Project Location: Poços de Caldas, MG
 Project Leader: Dr. Cecil Taylor of University of Mobile and Alabama Baptist Churches

Number of Volunteers: 32
 Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira

a) Chapel Construction: Poços de Caldas, Minas Gerais
 b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
 c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 120
 d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 1,445
 e) Decisions: 385
 g) Additional Ministries: Children in VBS/Schools = 912
 Reading Glasses distributed= 240
 Blood Pressure/Glucose Testing = 365

5. Project Number: 2008-06-04
 Project Date: June 28-July 7, 2008
 Project Location: Claros dos Poços, Minas Gerais
 Project Leader: Jeff Howard and the Heritage Baptist Church

Number of Volunteers: 13
 Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray

a) Chapel Construction: none
 b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
 c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 30
 d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 2,884
 e) Decisions: 1,303
 g) Additional Ministries: Children in VBS/Schools = 1,863
 Reading Glasses distributed= 900
 a) Claros dos Poços
 b) Boa Sorte
 c) Água Boa
 Jesus Film
 a) Boa Sorte = 60
 b) Claros dos Poços = 225
 Worship Services = 6 in 6 locations
 Baptism Service = 6 persons baptized

6. Project Number: 2008-07-06
 Project Date: September 6-13, 2008
 Project Location: João Monlevade, Minas Gerais
 Project Leader: Tim Winchester & Brushy Creek B.C. in Easley, SC
- Number of Volunteers: Total = 17
 Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony Gray, Marcos & Jucileide
 With Ralph Stansell as construction leader
- a) Chapel Construction: João Monlevade, Minas Gerias
 b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
 c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 62
 d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 816
 e) Decisions: 419
 g) Additional Ministries: Eye Glasses = 500
 VBS = 350

7. Project Number: 2008-07-07
 Project Date: July 19-27, 2008
 Project Location: Uberaba, Minas Gerais
 Project Leader: Dan Bruce and FBC Jackson, TN
- Number of Volunteers: Total =24 + Don & Erma Highfill = 26
 Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Karen Gray with Marcos & Jucileide Ferreira
- a) Chapel Construction: Uberaba, Minas Gerias
 b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
 c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 40
 d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 900
 e) Decisions: 375
 g) Additional Ministries: Eye Glasses: 400 pairs
 VBS: 100 children
 Jesus Film: 100 in attendance
 Preaching Services: 3 churches
 Visit to Guapé: Location of 2007 project
 Dan baptized 6 believers from 2007 project

8. Project Number: 2008-07-08
Project Date: July 18-28, 2008
Project Location: Nova Lima, Minas Gerais
Project Leader: Ted Kersh & South Tulsa Baptist Church-Oklahoma via Roger Fite
Keith McCully & Vero Beach, FL Baptist Church

Number of Volunteers: Ted-15 and Keith--4 Total = 19
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony Gray and Kevin Flenniken

a) Chapel Construction: Nova Lima, Minas Gerias
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 35
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 151
e) Decisions: 90
g) Additional Ministries: Visit to Mayor
Visit to Major of Military Police
Visit in Local Prison

9. Project Number: 2008-08-08
Project Date: August 2-9, 2008
Project Location: Novo Hamburgo, Rio Grande do Sul
Project Leader: Mathew Dumm with Forest Park Baptist Church, Joplin, MO

Number of Volunteers: 14
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony Gray and Marcos Ferreira, with Valdeir

a) Chapel Construction: Novo Hamburgo, Rio Grande do Sul
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 20
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 400
e) Decisions: 85
g) Additional Ministries: VBS = 78
Eye Glasses = 300

10. Project Number: 2008-08-09
Project Date: August 9-16, 2008
Project Location: Chiapetta, Rio Grande do Sul
Project Leader: Roger Fite & Oklahoma volunteers
- Number of Volunteers: 16
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony Gray and Marcos Ferreira, with Valdeir
- a) Chapel Construction: Chiapetta, Rio Grande do Sul
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 40
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 2,550
e) Decisions: 313
g) Additional Ministries: Mayor's Office & staff--Roger
Assoc. of Commercial Owners--Roger
Radio broadcasts=2 stations
School Visits = 1500 students
Eye Glasses = 400
Bible Studies set in Homes= 220
11. Project Number: 2008-10-11
Project Date: October 4-11, 2008
Project Location: Itaporanga, Paraiba
Project Leader: Roger Fite with Building for Christ and partners
- Number of Volunteers: 11
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray; Marcos Ferreira
- a) Chapel Construction: Itaporanga, PB
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 25
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 1,050
e) Decisions: 149
g) Additional Ministries: Reading Glasses distributed= 350
Dental Clinic = 68

12. Project Number: 2008-10-12
 Project Date: October 11-19, 2008
 Project Location: Recreio de Sao Jorge, Guarulhos, Sao Paulo
 Project Leader: Vial Fontenot and FBC Touscaloosa, AL

Number of Volunteers: 15
 Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray

- a) Chapel Construction: none
 b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 1,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
 c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 23 + personal visits in street and businesses
 d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 1,400
 e) Decisions: 357
 g) Additional Ministries: Reading Glasses distributed= 450
 Medical Clinic=874
 VBS = 250

B. Projects Lead by Gary Taylor and Eduardo Soares

13. Project Number: 2008-Taylor-B
 Project Date: July 29-August 2 2008
 Project Location: Porto Seguro, Bahia
 Project Leader: Bill Mitchell and FBC Orlando Florida

Number of Volunteers: 31
 Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Gary Taylor and Eduardo Soares

- a) Chapel Construction: Church Construction at
 b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 2,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
 c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 419
 d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 2,941
 e) Decisions: 262
 g) Additional Ministries: Reading Glasses distributed= 517
 Happy Feet=350
 Home Bible Studies = 157
 Training Conference w/ Pastors & wives= 120

V. Church Planting Projects with Brazilian Nationals

A. “Church 10-Ceará” Project begun in June 2005

1. State Conventions involved: 2
 - i. CIBUC Convention in the state of Ceará
 - ii. CBC Convention in the state of Ceará

2. Number of Brazilian Missionaries: 35

3. Number of Cities involved: 23 + missions

CBC	CIBUC	
1. Aquiraz	1. Carnaubal	12. Pedra Branca
2. Aracati	2. Croatá	
3. Beberibe	3. Guaraciaba	
4. Cascavel	4. Ibiapina	
5. Horizonte	5. Ipu	
6. Itaiçaba	6. Reriutaba	
7. Maranguape	7. Santa Quitéria	
8. Maranguapé Vida Nova	8. São Benedito	
9. Pecém	9. Ubajara	
10. Suipé	10. Varjota	
11. Trairi	11. Viçosa	

4. Statistical Report Dates: 06/05 to 09/08

	CIBUC	CBC	TOTALS
A. Number of Members	428	183	611
B. Number in Congregation	345	385	730
C. Number of Visitors	128	56	184
D. Homes Receiving Bible Studies	80	199	279
E. Persons in Home Bible Studies	232	477	709
F. Persons being Discipled	345	285	630
G. Leaders in Training	92	126	218
H. Baptisms	137	95	232
I. Church Base Plants + Missions	12+26	11+55	104

B. “Church 10-Piraciaba-Sao Paulo” Project begun in June 2007

1. State Conventions involved: 1 State of São Paulo
2. Number of Brazilian Missionaries: 13
3. Number of Cities involved: 8 + missions

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| 1. Saltinho | 5. Analândia |
| 2. Corumbataí | 6. Ipeúna |
| 3. Águas de São Pedro | 7. Pereiras |
| 4. Iracemápolis | 8. Charqueada |

4. Statistical Report Dates: 06/07 to 09/08

	<u>TOTALS</u>	
A. Number of Members	48	
B. Number in Congregation	166	
C. Number of Visitors		24
D. Homes Receiving Bible Studies	113	
E. Persons in Home Bible Studies	251	
F. Persons being Discipled	65	
G. Leaders in Training	34	
H. Baptisms	10	
I. Church Base Plants + Missions	8+33 = 41	

C. “Church 10-North Minas” Project begun in September 2007

1. Brazilian/American Partners involved:
 - a. North Minas Baptist Association
 - b. Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Montes Claros
 - c. Redemption Baptist Church in Montes Claros
 - d. Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Montes Claros
 - e. Heritage Baptist Church in Cantonment, Florida

2. Number of Brazilian Missionaries: Missionaries Marcos and Bete

3. Number of Cities involved: 4 cities
 1. Claros dos Poções
 2. Jequitai
 3. Boa Sorte
 4. Bela Vista

4. Statistical Report Dates: 09/07 to 09/08

	<u>TOTALS</u>	
A. Number of Members	6	
B. Number in Congregation	4	
C. Number of Visitors	6	
D. Homes Receiving Bible Studies	21	
E. Persons in Home Bible Studies	32	
F. Persons being Discipled	2	
G. Leaders in Training	2	
H. Baptisms	5	
I. Church Base Plants + Missions	1+1 = 2	

D. “Church 10” Project Statistics

	<u>GRAND TOTALS</u>
1. Number of Members	665
2. Number in Congregation	900
3. Number of Visitors	214
4. Homes Receiving Bible Studies	413
5. Persons in Home Bible Studies	992
6. Persons being Discipled	697
7. Leaders in Training	254
8. Baptisms	247
9. Church Base Plants + Missions	147

E. Updated Church Growth information from Projects in Porto Seguro, Bahia as Reported by Eduardo Soares

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>2008 Baptisms</u>
1. Filadelfia Baptist Church	Pr. Ricardo	80
2. Nova Jerusalem Baptist Church	Pr. Samuel	110
3. United Missionary-Paraguai	Pr. Raimundo	55
4. Grace Baptist Church of Cambolo	Pr. Edilton	225
5. Assembly of God-Madureira		<u>45</u>
		Total 515

OBS:

Through the ministry of Pioneer Missions God has anointed the growth of all the churches that we have had relationships. For the last 3 years in the month of July we have had a Conference for Pastors and Wives with Pr. David Uth of Orlando, Florida as the conference leader and have had over 60 attending. God is preparing the leaders for this city for something GRAND that HE will bring about. --Eduardo Soares

VI. Projected Projects for 2009

A. Evangelism and Church Planting Projects:

1. Pereiras, São Paulo with Greene/George Co. Baptist Association in Mississippi
2. Claros dos Poções, North Minas with Heritage Baptist Church in Cantonment, FL
3. João Pessoa, Paraíba with Medical Teams from FBC Tuscaloosa, AL
4. Guarulhos, São Paulo with Choral Ensemble Carpenter's Wood from William Carey University, Hattiesburg, MS.

B. Evangelism and Chapel Construction Projects

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| 1. Caldas, Minas Gerais | Confirmed |
| 2. Medina, Minas Gerais | In Planning |
| 3. Caruara, São Paulo | Confirmed |
| 4. Guarulhos, São Paulo | Confirmed |
| 5. I.B. Ágape, Itaquera, São Paulo | Confirmed |
| 6. Farroupilha, Rio Grande do Sul | Confirmed |
| 7. João Pessoa, Paraíba | In Planning |
| 8. Itapema, Santa Catarina | Confirmed |
| 9. Bom Retiro, Santa Catarina | Brazilian Team |

C. 2009 Cost Increase for Volunteer Projects

1. Team Funds (cost per volunteer):

These are costs related to Team Members and are the responsibility of the Team Leader to acquire and process through Pioneer Missions.

- Documentation: Passport, Visa, and any other document that may be required, i.e. licenses, diploma, for medical teams.
- International Transportation: Airfare from USA to project location (which may or may not be the ENTRY location into Brasil).
- Insurance: Health insurance is required for each team member
- Team Funds for In-Country Expenses: These funds will cover hotel, local transportation, meals, water, interpreters, and logistical expenses.
Beginning in 2009 the Team Funds for EACH VOLUNTEER In-Country Expenses will be scaled as follows:
 - a) Teams with 15 or less volunteers = US\$ 800.00
 - b) Teams with 16-25 volunteers = US\$ 750.00
 - c) Teams with 25 or more volunteers = US\$ 700.00
- Additional Costs of more than 7 days
US\$ 50.00 per volunteer per day for days OVER the normal project length of 7 days; or Saturday arrival and departure.

2. Specific Project Costs:

- Evangelism: US\$1,000.00 all teams will supply these funds for evangelistic materials; such as, tracts, Books of John, and New Testaments.

- Chapel: **CHANGE BEGINNING in 2009**
US\$ 12,000.00
These funds will supply the materials and labor for the construction of the chapel. Besides the chapel structure itself, these funds will cover the costs for interior and exterior painting, glass for windows/doors, 2 ceiling fans, lights and the sign on front wall.

- Extras to Chapel Construction: **CHANGE BEGINNING in 2009:**
Any other additions to the chapel that a team would like to provide are welcomed, but will need to be from additional funds. Some of these items with the APPROXIMATE costs might include;
 - a) Pulpit Furniture:
Pulpit, Lord's Supper Table; 2 Deacon Pews
(same pew design, just shorter);
COST: US\$ 500.00
 - b) Plastic Chairs:
100 Chairs for Chapel
COST: US\$ 1,500.00
 - c) Floor Tile;
COST: US\$ 1,000.00

D. Multiple Church Planting Projects with JMN (Brazilian Home Mission)

1. Fortaleza and Interior region, Ceará--Final Year in 2009
2. Piracicaba, São Paulo--3rd Year in 2009
3. Montes Claros, North Minas Gerais-- 3rd Year in 2009
4. Rio Grande do Sul--1st Year in 2009 (Suggested for 2009)

E. State Level Training Events in Multiple Church Planting

1. Goiás
2. Rio Grande do Norte
3. Piauí

VII. The Ghana, Africa Church Planting project

A. 2008 Ghana Project Report by Missionary Marcos Ferreira

The trip was great. The training was very good attended, especially in one of the cities (Kumasi). We also had a great contact with the leadership of the Assembly of God Church, Pastor Bismark (Dr Cecil Taylor's friend). They are very interested in working with us in a church planting partnership.

We were able to reach about 200 pastors with PE training. We visited 10 villages around the Ashanti region (central region of Ghana). We met with the leadership of Missions and Evangelism of that state and began considering a possible partnership in projects to training and deployment of leadership to plant new churches in villages and cities without significant evangelical presence.

According to data supplied by church leaders, there are more than 10 thousand villages without evangelical work. We also noticed that in big cities there are a number of churches that need to be mobilized and their members need to be trained to carry out missionary work.

The ministry in Ghana can continue without affecting the work here in Brazil. If we use the months of November to February, we can hold some projects there, perhaps even starting at the end of this year (2008).

I know that many U.S. churches have held or would like to undertake projects in Africa and with the support of Pioneer Missions it would be much easier to achieve this.

I want to mobilize the Brazilian church, also, to hold at least one project a year using only their resources and the workforce.

B. Plans for 2009 Project

In 2009 a team of Brazilians, along with Kevin Flenniken, PM Chapel Construction Leader, will be returning with us to Ghana to build a chapel in the city of Bolgatanga working with Korean missionary to Africa, Isaac Ki Won.

In addition, we will be leading Pioneer Evangelism Clinics in 2 cities for over 180 pastors, evangelists and church leaders. Also, we will be making preparations for a Region-wide Pioneer Evangelism Training Conference scheduled to take place in April with Wade and Barbara Akins.