

Easter in Brazil



Dear Friends,

While many were celebrating Good Friday and Easter, Goran was in Brazil leading a training at a camp in Atibaia, outside the city of Sao Paulo.

There were great times of worship and learning with the 45 people who came. Several want to use soccer outreach as they share the gospel and plant churches. Ambassadors board president Gui Thome who is also a local pastor shared how much his church has grown and that one of the means God has used is soccer outreach in the community.

Personal stories:

- Koji, a young man from a Japanese church in the capital city of Brasilia, hopes to someday move to Japan to plant a church
- Gustavo is preparing to go to Uganda as a missionary
- Raul, who is from Ecuador, came to the training along with his wife and 3 kids, and they plan to plant a church in northern Ecuador
- Ramon came to the training to learn how to become a better coach. In a brief conversation about his life he mentioned being an unbeliever and using astrology. After hearing God's Word and having conversations about Jesus and his offer of salvation, Ramon believed and prayed to give his heart to Christ. This made our weekend a joyful one!
- Atelio is a school principal in Chile, who came along with his wife and 10 others from Chile to be equipped to use soccer to share the gospel with children in their soccer school.
- Dr. Alexandre is doctor in a small city in Brazil. He came with his son Tiago to connect and get help with the small soccer school they founded for their denomination which is partnering with Ambassadors.
- Pastor Claudemir does outreach with the underprivileged who live near his city dump
- Antonio is a refugee from Venezuela who now lives in Brazil and came with his son Andreas. He used to be one of the sports ministry leaders in his country before he escaped the hard economic realities, and he asked Ambassadors for help in training sports ministry leaders in Cuba in soccer outreach
- Several kids of our early ministry partners in Brazil are now carrying on in soccer ministry; it was great to see this next generation

We were reminded to be salt and light and to be the Lord's ambassadors as we deliver the message of the cross and reconciliation with God. What a privilege to be part of the work God is doing!

A highlight was seeing the ministry we began 20 years ago still going strong at the local school, PACA.

In mid-May both of us will travel to Europe for meetings and connections with ministry leaders. We appreciate your prayers for safety and fruitfulness.

Thank you for praying for us and supporting us in this ministry!

With love,

Goran & Beth

