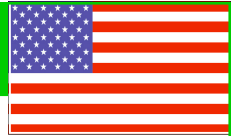




# Lantz Missionary Update

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## What "Compels" You?

Being away from the states makes me miss not only family and friends back home, but also certain English words I don't hear too often. "Compel" is one of those words. It is defined as "to force, constrain, or oblige." That definition takes me back to the country of Haiti to remember a dear brother in Christ who is now in heaven. Pastor Israel Izidor would regularly comment in his typical smiling and energetic way, "I'm *obliged* to tell you..." or "I'm *obliged* to do this..." The emphasis he put on "obliged" reminds me of the feelings Paul places on the words "compels us" in 2 Corinthians 5: 14.

*"For Christ's love compels us... and he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."*

*2 Corinthians 5: 14-15 (NIV)*

How does this amazing love of Christ make a real difference in our lives? We are compelled to live our lives for Christ. He died and rose for us. His love compels us to do what doesn't come naturally. To trust. To give without expecting in return. To think of the needs of others before our own. Christ's love gives us the force we need to forgive. In Christ's love, we have finally found freedom to FOCUS our best efforts for the good of others. This week in one of my seminary classes a simple, yet powerful, principle was shared: "Before we can give, we must receive." When we receive Christ's love in faith it lifts us up like an ocean wave and empowers us to go places we thought were impossible. How is the love of Christ compelling you today?



## Vicarage 2009 in Brazil

Thanks so much for the prayers regarding where I will do the vicarage/internship during 2009! We just found out last week that the vicarage will be right here in the Porto Alegre area. Although we tried options in the US, it became obvious that God's plan was to finish my pastoral degree in Brazil. We are very happy for the opportunity to stay one more year, but we sure do miss all our loved ones back home. Hopefully we can receive some visitors in the near future!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS & MISSION MOMENTS: (Top photo) Translating for Ted Kober who came from Montana for the national pastoral seminar he led on Reconciliation Ministry. I also translated for Dr. John Messmann's (St. Paul Lutheran, Fort Worth, Texas) Church Leadership course here at the seminary (not pictured). Thanks be to God for both events that were great examples of how Christ changes lives when Americans and Brazilians work together in His mission! (Bottom photo) The little white dog, Tweaky, belongs to our friends Catia and Carlos Beck. They let us borrow Tweaky for a week so the kids could get their "dog fix". I think it's a good deal. Kind of like a grandparent situation. The kids have lots of fun with the dog and then we send him back to his owners. As you can see, Tweaky is even motivating the kids to do their homework!



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