



Lantz Missionary Update

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By Paul Lantz

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." Psalm 127: 1



Pastor Claudio Bayer (far right) from Castro, Parana with Crystal Burk, Barbara and Carl Tiedt, and Kelly Burk from Springfield, Missouri at the dedication service.

Builders for Christ in Brazil

During June a mission team from Redeemer Lutheran Church Springfield, Missouri partnered with members in Brazilian Lutheran churches from Curitiba and Castro located in the state of Parana. Carl and Barbara Tiedt were the leaders of the American team. Pastors Heldo Bredow and Claudio Bayer



Don't worry... shouldn't be any future international incidents because of a construction disaster. I was given professional training before putting up the walls.



Pastor Heldo Bredow from Curitiba, Parana (black cap) with some of the workers helping construct the new church building.

translate certain jokes that you know won't make any sense in the other language). However, there were also many tears of joy shed by both Americans and Brazilians by being part of the Builders for Christ program that provides both the necessary financial resources with the essential human touch.

Pastoral Leadership Institute Mission

In July seven LCMS pastors, five wives and one daughter from California, Florida, Massachusetts, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri and Georgia completed their training with PLI by participating on a mission here in Brazil. The Vice President of the Lutheran Church of Brazil, Mario Lehenbauer, together with the President of the Brazil Mission Society, Bill Thompson, hosted the group during their stay. It was exciting to see so many leaders from around the United States becoming more aware of the mission opportunities with Brazil. Looking forward to seeing how God will use them and their members to share Christ's love on future missions!



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PO Box 5086

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Pastor's Home Robbed During Church

Pastor Claudio Bayer, his family (photo left), and congregation in Parana were in church worshipping God one Sunday night this past May. As they prayed, sang, and preached, robbers broke into their parsonage home right next to the church. Playstation, cell phones, money, wallets, and other valuables were stolen from the home. Overall, the total damage to the family was around \$500. Sure it could have been worse, but for an overworked and under resourced pastor trying to put two kids through college it sure can be disappointing.

Therefore, I thought about telling this story for a couple of reasons. First, just to raise awareness of the many challenges facing Brazilian pastors. Secondly, to offer an opportunity for anyone who feels led to send a gift to help encourage this family. If you desire, send a check in the name of the Brazil Mission Society with "Bayer family" written on the memo line. Whatever assistance comes by the end of September will be wire transferred to the family together with a card of encouragement. I will report back in the September/October newsletter to let you know how this story turns out. Muito obrigado!



"Thus far the Lord has helped us." 1 Samuel 7: 12

These three photos and the Bible verse tell a personal story of what is happening in our lives at this moment. The bottom right photo was taken shortly after our arrival in Brazil in January 2007. New language, new country, many new challenges. Now just look at the kids in the photo bottom left. August 2009... we've come a long way. That photo is extra special because it was the day both Lucas and Karis took the training wheels off their bikes! Rose took the sunset photo when we were visiting relatives. What lies beyond the horizon at the end of this year? We don't know. However, we do know, like the Bible verse states, God's amazing grace that has brought us this far. July was a rough month because of health issues. Rose got a bad case of pneumonia. I was knock off my feet with the flu and the kids all took turns with a nasty cold. Welcome to wintertime in southern Brazil. Despite all the trips to the doctors, the vicarage with preaching, teaching, and other activities at Sao Paulo church continues to go fantastic! The final semester of studies at the seminary is under way. We give great thanks to God for His provision during these two and half years in Brazil. We especially praise Him for your prayers and support! *Our special prayer request right now is for God to guide us to receive His call for ministry in 2010!* Thank you so much! Our love... Paul, Rose and the kids