

Impacto Media Ministry – This year I started a new Impacto radio program, which airs twice a day on one of the local radio stations. The response has been very good. Phyllis and I were recently interviewed live on a radio talk show about family issues. I continue recording DVDs and programs for churches in Brazil. A lot of churches in Brazil are hungry for this type of resources, and use them extensively in their local ministries. The media ministry blesses many people, both through programming and helping congregations with resources.

March – Granbury team – In March we were very pleased and honored to have a great group from Granbury come to visit and serve our church in Itu. While here, they renovated the office area at the non-profit Crescimento Limpo, which works with people in recuperation/rehabilitation from drug and alcohol abuse, and worked with our ministry in Vila Progresso where the medical campaign is held. It was a great blessing to have them here!

Visit in Granbury - During our time in the U.S. in April and May this year, Phyllis and I spent a wonderful weekend in Granbury. As always, it was great to see our special friends and share about the great things God is doing in Itu and Brazil.

Camp Roots - The theme for the annual bilingual camp this year was “Your Kingdom Come”. 150 young people, churched and unchurched, joined to “Seek the deep” as they learned more about God and His will for their lives. During the week the young people worked on several service projects, including the mural for the new community garden. Groups from Ridgecrest church of Christ (Midwest City, OK), Aggies for Christ (College Station, TX) and Johnson Street church of Christ (San Angelo, TX) were here to participate with us this year.

Pre-CURA Service projects – The week between Camp Roots and CURA there were several service projects, which included giving out invitations to CURA in Vila Progresso where CURA was to be held, working with the children in that neighborhood, maintenance projects at the church building, working at the community garden, and a special project at the halfway house. It was great to have another group from Granbury come to share in this time with us!

CURA – Cuidado, Respeito, Amor (Care, Respect, Love) – This is the name of our medical campaign. 2015 was the 7th edition of this one-week campaign. The addition this year of trailers for dentistry and ophthalmology greatly enhanced the services we were able to offer to the community of Vila Progresso, a needy community in Itu. There were close to 3,000 consults in the areas of general check up, blood exams, dentistry, ophthalmology, GYN, cardiology, psychology, and we had a special team to pray for the patients. There was also a VBS for the children of the neighborhood. CURA involves over 120 volunteers, including Brazilians and Americans.

Missions month – Special emphasis was given to missions during the month of August. Joncilei Mendes, associate minister and chair of missions, preached a series of sermons during the month to better educate the congregation about missions in general and our vision of mission. We also distributed invitations to the School of the Bible in downtown Itu.

SEMEADORES – “SOWERS” – September 25-27 we held the 2nd Sowers weekend. The theme was “Faith in Action”. The weekend is designed to inspire people to serve their communities. This year talks included Overcoming our Pre-conceived Ideas, The Great Paradox between Greatness and Service, Creating Space for Intimacy in our Relationships, How to Serve Refugees, and Being a Voice for the Invisible. There were over 100 in attendance, including people from 5 states and several cities in our area. We were very pleased with the feedback received after the event.

We love you and thank you for 32 years of involvement in our ministries!