

toothpaste.....gotta love giving people a small reason to laugh and smile (even if it was AT the ridiculous Canadian) 😊 SO many thanks to every one of YOU who helped because you donated a little or a lot!!!

Book Sale for IJC – Nadine Bouldman

Lots of action at the ATC today! We are having a Garage Sale to help



raise money for books for the **John Calvin Institute**. Happy to see all the "big spenders" come and support our endeavours.



Our best customer... We made \$535 Reals = \$200!

A Few Notes From Our Volunteer Team – Rita Visscher

"Another day at the ATC, still cloudy, but a nice warm breeze. Henk plans to finish cleaning (pressure washing) the pool patio today, and then we will proceed to the next job at hand. 4 new team members arrive today. Lovely atmosphere and hospitality is wonderful."



"Buying in bulk takes on a whole new meaning when buying bananas!"



"A little bit unbelievable to be so far away from home and yet share so much together."

"All is well under the Southern Cross. Making good headway on the 'to-do' list. Bananas are ripening too fast, so fried bananas, banana cake, and tomorrow morning banana smoothies with papayas made with whole milk rich in butter fat!"

"Off to church this morning at 7:30 and Henk drove the Palio Fiat to church in Imbiribeira and arrived safe and sound. Had a wonderful church service with about 120 people worshipping together and singing Psalm 1 and 73."

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Joy in Esperanca – K. Weiske

On Saturday I drove the 4 hour drive to Esperança with Pastor Alexandrino from the Church at São José. On Saturday night we met with the Council of the Church at Esperança for a Church visitation. I love doing the work of Church visitor. It is so beautiful to spend an evening speaking with the pastors that God has charged with caring for the sheep for whom Christ has shed His blood. It was beautiful to see their humility, their faithfulness, their commitment, and to hear from them how the Lord is caring for His church.



"Pr. Laylton addresses the Church after morning worship."

In Brazil, getting a government job is like winning the lottery. It is almost impossible to be fired, and you are set for life (at least that's what people think).

The local pastor, Pr. Laylton, had been working a government

job and trying to pastor part time. It was difficult and frustrating. A while back, he got a call from another Church and was on the point of accepting it. He longed to be able to dedicate himself full time to ministry, but Esperança didn't have the money to support him full time. When they found out he would be leaving, the entire congregation showed up at his doorstep and begged him to stay.

They gave up the building they were renting, and to save money they began to meet in the garage and veranda of one of the elders. They managed to set aside some money to build him a proper study in his humble little house. With the help of the federation of Brazilian churches, they managed to pay him a full time salary. Pr. Laylton is now able to dedicate himself full time to the work of ministry. How beautiful to see the Lord providing for His Church!

What is especially striking is that Rev. Laylton gave up his government job in order to dedicate himself to the ministry. In Brazilian terms, this is a significant sacrifice. Thank the Lord for godly, faithful believers who are willing to sacrifice much in order to follow the Way! SDG.

Thank You John Calvin School – Julius VanSprosen



I didn't manage to attach this video together with the pictures in the last post about the STV team, but I think it is still worth sending. (To see the video subscribe to Brazilian Reformed Mission on Facebook....mv) In the video you can see the grade 6 class at the Escola Bíblica Cristã saying "thank-you" (in English) to

Seth Bouldman and the grade 7 class at the John Calvin School in Yarrow for their generous donation to the school library.

The principal Moisés said he was very grateful that they wanted to help, that they took the initiative, that they arranged the cupcake sale, and that they even sent a representative to deliver the gift personally! He promised that he would buy the books for the library already that week. What fun!

Thank You Short Term Volunteers! – Julius VanSprosen

(By the time you read this, Lord willing, the Volunteer Team to Brazil will already be on home ground, back with their families. On behalf of the ATC Board and Mission Aid we thank them for their time and dedication to the work!... editor)

The Short Term Volunteer team organized by the Yarrow ATC board is nearing the end of their time in Brazil. Henk and Rita Visscher are on their way home and Ron and Denise Meyer and Nadine and Seth Bouldman will be heading home on Thursday.

Under the able leadership of Denise, they have worked hard to complete several much needed painting projects at the Aldeia Training Centre and



the results are wonderful! They have had a chance to worship with their Brazilian brothers and sisters, praise God together in song, celebrate the sacraments and rejoice in the unity of true faith that binds us together in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. They have seen where the first IRB churches were planted in the Northeast, they have had enjoyed

fellowship around a BBQ and in the warm Atlantic ocean.

They have visited the Christian School in São José and Seth could personally hand over a donation of R\$440 from his grade 7 class in John Calvin



School in Yarrow to the principal so that he can buy more books for their new library. Nadine and Seth gave instruction on dental hygiene to the children at the ATC and yesterday they visited the Esther project, where they handed out clothes and little presents to some of the most-needy families in our city! They got to know the missionary and mission aid families and we thank them for their friendship and encouragement!

We praise God for the cheerful support that the Yarrow continues to give to the work in Brazil, for brothers and sisters from several different churches who take come, work and fellowship with us all here. What a great way to be involved and see the work!

A Stellar Day! – Nadine Bouldman

What an absolutely stellar day! With my trusty interpreter, Rachel Van de Burgt, at my side, we were able to see about 50-60 girls at Esther's House today! Oral Hygiene was taught and EVERY SINGLE girl (age 4-15) left with at least one outfit and a piece of jewelry!

Afterwards we drove (I'm driving in Brazil, EEEK!) to a very poor community, parked, popped the trunk and made at least another 50 men women and children smile with new clothes, tooth brushes and



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