

Manse Construction Continues – Yarrow ATC Board

Aerial View of the ATC Property. The new manse construction is nearing completion. This photo was taken earlier in the year.



Brazil Mission Trip Spring 2017 – Yarrow ATC Board

If you are interested in learning more about the Brazilian culture and life at the Aldeia Training Center then join a SHORT TERM VOLUNTEER TRIP to Brazil. We are currently open to assisting a team for a potential SPRING 2017 trip to take place mid-March.

Come and experience the warm climate and hospitality, and realise firsthand how the Lord is changing hearts through our mission workers in this large and diverse country!

If this is something you may be interested in please contact Matt Vane (mvane@farmfed.ca) or Marty Vanderwel (mmvanderwel@shaw.ca) or a member of the ATC board for more information or visit www.brazilianreformedmission.org and follow the links.

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"So beautiful to see God working in and through the graduates of the IJC"
K. Wieske

Pastor Elissandro of the Church at Cabo Frio, moderator of the Concílio being held right now, congratulates IJC student Elton upon his successful completion of the examination for permission to preach his own sermons during the upcoming 2017 internship. God continues to grant fruit on the work of the IJC.



Pastor Lúcio graduated from the Instituto João Calvino in 2016, and was ordained as minister of the Church at Maceió. His call is to plant a new Church in that city in cooperation with Rev. de Graaf. Here he is at his first Concílio (Synod/Classis) as an ordained minister, and thus he is signing the book of confessional subscription.

The Igrejas Reformadas do Brasil are meeting in a national Synod in Cabo Frio, Rio de Janeiro. At this moment our seminarian **Madson Marinho** is being examined to receive preaching consent, so that he can do his internship starting early next year. I heard that his sermon proposal was accepted, but as far as I know he is still being examined in his knowledge of the confessions. (Editors note: He Passed!)



Children's Day at the ATC – K. Wieske

Last Saturday the Church at Imbiribeira (the second Reformed Church in Recife) celebrated Brazilian Children's Day at the Aldeia Training Centre.



These children live, many of them, in poorer parts of the concrete jungle. What a blessing to be able to spend a day rejoicing in God's creation at the beautiful ATC, learning the Word, singing praises, and enjoying fun activities. Wonderful to see so many children: the Church is growing not just by evangelism, but also through God's blessing

on covenant families as new believers learn new attitudes about love, life, families, and children.

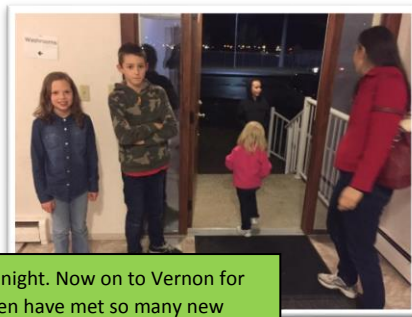
Rev. Witten Declines Call –Mission Board

A few days ago, we received word that Rev. Arend Witten declined the call extended to him by the Church at Aldergrove. We witnessed first hand how he and his wife Renae took the call very seriously. It certainly was not an easy decision to make.

Please do pray that the LORD would yet provide that elusive 3rd missionary, so that the seminary training and church planting can continue efficiently and fruitfully. Please pray also for us as we try to do as much of the work as possible, while short staffed.

Western Canada Tour – K. Wieske

In a few days Tamara and I, together with our five youngest children, will be hitting the road to visit the supporting Churches (and schools!), in Western Canada. It is always a pleasure to reconnect with the supporting Churches, and meet up with



Great time in Prince George last night. Now on to Vernon for the last presentation! The children have met so many new friends, but the time in each place has been short and sweet.

colleagues. We enjoy sharing about the work of the Lord in Brazil with our fellow believers here in Canada.

Langley, Chilliwack, Yarrow, Coaldale / Taber, Barrhead, Neerlandia, Winnipeg, Carman, Edmonton, Houston / Smithers, Prince George, Vernon.

We will then spend a Sunday with our sending Church in Aldergrove, and then after that head back to Brazil. Please do pray for the LORD to grant safety on the roads and a pleasant journey.

Association of Christian Schools International – Elias Barbosa da Silva

Last Saturday, I drove to Aracaju to participate in a Regional Meeting promoted by the Association of Christian Schools International. It was a very good day of learning.



Especially caught my attention the lecture "**You educate according to what you adore**" by a very capable

and reformed minister from the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. Together with me there were two teachers from the Escola Cristã João Calvino in Maceió. Teacher Wieke and teacher Deliane.

Presentation in Imbiribeira - Elias Barbosa da Silva

Yesterday, September 18th, it was the time to speak to the families at the Reformed Church in Imbiribeira. What a blessing! How important is to me to hear from the members, office bearers and "common members", about the importance of hearing the lecture on the Need of Christian Education in the Home. May God bless this work so that stronger families can grow in our churches!

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