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2007 Brazil Ministry Report for Pioneer Missions

Ministries Coordinated by Missionaries

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I. Introduction

The ministry results for 2007 were without a doubt TREMENDOUS. First, we give GOD **ALL** the Glory for any good that has been done this year. We are awed at how HE has used each one on the Pioneer Missions team for such effective ministry. Organizationally speaking, it is AMAZING all that has been accomplished when considering that Pioneer Missions is only in its second year of ministry.

More details are giving in this report, but much wonderful ministry has been done through this year that has made it possible for...

...thousands of evangelical tracts/bibles given...over 36,000

...thousands to hear the gospel...over 11,000,

...thousands to accept Christ...over 3,000,

Certainly the words of Habakkuk ring true, for it would have been hard to believe what the Lord had planned to do through Pioneer Missions in 2007...even if HE had told us.

“Look to the nations and watch--be utterly astounded! For I WILL work a work in your days which you would NOT believe, though it were told you.” Hab 1:5

The information in this report will help to give an overview of what took place in Brazil through the ministry of Pioneer Missions. However, only in eternity will we FULLY know all the LORD has done in lives and communities.

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II. Summary of PM Missionary Ministry and Volunteer Project Results

- A. Pioneer Missionaries Coordinating Projects:
Tony & Karen Gray with Marcos & Jucileide Ferreira
- B. Number of Projects: 12
- C. American Volunteers: 214
- D. Church Planting Project: 1 in Montes Claros, Minas Gerais
- E. Chapels Constructed: 11
- F. Evangelistic Material Distributed: 36,000 Tracts/New Testaments/Bibles
- G. Churches Started/Strengthened: 28
- H. Persons Hearing the Gospel: 11,500
- I. Home Evangelistic Visits: 746
- J. VBS/Schools Visits: 5,159 children/students
- K. Decisions for Christ: 3,040
- L. Additional Ministries:
1. Medical Clinics
 - a. Medical Patients: 1,350
 - b. Prescriptions Filled: 1,800
 - c. Dental Hygiene Kits: 200
 - d. Reading Glasses: 4,532
 2. Social Ministries
 - a. English Students Event: 200
 - b. Kits for Schools; 1,000
 3. Teaching Ministries: 230
 4. Planning and Strategy Meetings:
 - a. Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board (JMN)
 - Pr. Fernando Brandão, New Ex. Secretary
 - Pr. Geremias Bento, Missions and Social Work Ministries
 - Pr. Nilton Souza, Church Planting Training
 - b. Leadership of the following State Baptist Conventions
 - Rio de Janeiro
 - Espirito Santo
 - Minas Gerais
 - São Paulo
 - Paraná
 - Rio Grande do Sul
 - Ceará
 - Paraíba

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III. Details of 2007 Volunteer Mission Projects

1. Project Number: 2007-05-01
Project Date: May 25-June 1
Project Location: 7 de Abril, Santa Cruz, Rio de Janeiro
Project Leader: Frank Reynolds, FBC Hattiesburg, MS & Keith McCully, Vero Beach, FL
Number of Volunteers: 33
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira

- a) Chapel Construction: 7th of April B.C. in Rio de Janeiro
- b) 2 Medical Clinics: Local School in neighborhood where the 7th of April chapel was built and in a Community center at the second chapel construction location where Ronnie Mackey's team built a chapel, called Novo Alvorecer
- c) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
- d) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 38
- e) Persons hearing the Gospel: 1500
- f) Patients received: 1350
- g) Decisions: 125
- h) Additional Ministries: Distribution of 1000 eye glasses

SPECIAL OBSERVATION: This team had 4 trucks confiscated by Customs and Health officials at the airport in Rio de Janeiro. The local church is initiating a process to retrieve these trunks of medicines and supplies.

2. Project Number: 2007-05-02
Project Date: May 25-June 1
Project Location: Novo Alvorecer, Santa Cruz, Rio de Janeiro
Project Leader: Ronnie Mackey, South Carolina
Number of Volunteers: 12
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos & Jucileide Ferreira

- a) Chapel Construction: Novo Alvorecer B.C. in Rio de Janeiro
- b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
- c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 1
- d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 200 through medical clinic held at location
- f) Decisions: 6

SPECIAL OBSERVATION: This chapel that Ronnie led in building is a mission of the MOTHER church (Memorial B.C. in Santa Cruz, Rio) which meets in the chapel that Ronnie built 8 years ago. This church has begun 8 new churches, now 3 with PE chapels. When Ronnie built the chapel for the Mother Church it had 113 members. Now it has over 300 and is building a new building that will hold 600. We praise the Lord for this blessing and re-confirm our commitment to partnering

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3. Project Number: 2007-06-03
Project Date: June 1-9
Project Location: Alecrim, Vila Velha, Espirito Santo
Project Leader: Glenn Bowers of Trinity Baptist Church in Madison, AL
Number of Volunteers: 20
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira

a) Chapel Construction: Alecrim, Vila Velha, Espirito Santo
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 22
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 150
e) Decisions: 1
g) Additional Ministries: Distribution of 1000 eye glasses
Distribution of 100 hygiene kits
Distribution of 500 school kits

4. Project Number: 2007-06-04
Project Date: June 1-9
Project Location: Itanguá, Cariacica, Espirito Santo
Project Leader: Dale Epperson and Group from Miami, OK
Number of Volunteers: 20
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira

a) Chapel Construction: Itanguá, Cariacica, Espirito Santo
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 62
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 663
e) Decisions: 143
g) Additional Ministries: Children in VBS = 950

5. Project Number: 2007-06-06
Project Date: June 9-18
Project Location: Nova Friburgo, Rio de Janeiro
Project Leader: Cecil Taylor and Alabama volunteers
Number of Volunteers: 27
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira

a) Chapel Construction: Nova Friburgo, Rio de Janeiro
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 116
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 796
e) Decisions: 329
g) Additional Ministries: Patients in Nursing Clinic: 463
Distribution of 600 eye glasses
Distribution of 100 hygiene kits
Distribution of 500 school kits
Children in VBS: 1167

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6. Project Number: 2007-06-09
Project Date: June 30- July 7
Project Location: Ibirapu, Espirito Santo
Project Leader: Jimmy Holcomb and the Greene/George Association
Number of Volunteers: 18
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira

a) Chapel Construction: Ibirapu, Espirito Santo
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 60
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 700
e) Decisions: 176
g) Additional Ministries: Children in VBS/Schools = 669
Evening Evangelistic Services
Jesus Film

7. Project Number: 2007-07-10
Project Date: July 7-14
Project Location: Taquarituba, São Paulo
Project Leader: Dora & Byron Harbin with Main St. Baptist Church
Number of Volunteers: 18
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira

a) Chapel Construction: Taquarituba, São Paulo
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 7
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 320
e) Decisions: 15
g) Additional Ministries: Children in VBS/Schools = 160
Evening Evangelistic Services
Visits to Jail, Businesses, Mayor's Office
Jesus Film with 100 present

8. Project Number: 2007-07-11
Project Date: July 16-23
Project Location: Guapé, Minas Gerais
Project Leader: Louie Hailey with FBC Jackson, TN
Number of Volunteers: 18
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira

a) Chapel Construction: Guapé, Minas Gerais
b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 25
d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 900
e) Decisions: 311
g) Additional Ministries: Children in VBS/Schools = 280
Visits to Hospital, Nursing Home, Day Care
Jesus Film with 100 present
Eye Glasses given to 489 persons

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9. Project Number: 2007-07-13
Project Date: July 28-August 5
Project Location: Camaquã, Rio Grande do Sul
Project Leader: Tony Gray & Marcos Ferreira
Number of Volunteers: All Brazilian
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira
- a) Chapel Construction: Camaquã, Rio Grande do Sul
 - b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 1,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
 - c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 10
 - d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 50
 - e) Decisions: 10
10. Project Number: 2007-08-14
Project Date: August 19-25
Project Location: Quafá, Rio de Janeiro
Project Leader: Tim Winchester with Brushy Creek
Number of Volunteers: 14
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos Ferreira
- a) Chapel Construction: Quafá, Rio de Janeiro
 - b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
 - c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 84
 - d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 1276
 - e) Decisions: 467
 - g) Additional Ministries: Children in VBS/Schools = 304
Reading Glasses distributed=543

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11. Project Number: 2007-09-15
Project Date: August 25-September 1
Project Location: Montes Claros, Minas Gerais
Project Leader: Jeff Howard with Heritage Baptist Church in Pensacola, FL
Number of Volunteers: 16
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray

- a) Evangelistic/Church Planting 4 churches in Montes Claros and 3 cities in the interior of North Minas.
- b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
- c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 300
- d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 4,000
- e) Decisions: 1,383
- g) Additional Ministries: Children in VBS/Schools = 1,629
 Visits to Schools/Businesses/Homes
 Jesus Film with 200 present
 Eye Glasses distributed = 900
 English Conversation Event = 230
 Church Planting Training = 80

Observations:

This project experienced an outpouring of God's Spirit which resulted in an unprecedented number of decisions. Three (3) of the Four (4) evangelism teams worked in locations where a PM chapel had been built in recent years. One of the chapels, built Eight (8) years ago, has had to tear down the walls in order to build a larger structure over it to accommodate the 200+ persons in the Sunday services.

Also, this project was the beginning of a 4 year commitment to the North Minas Association with Heritage BC of Pensacola and Pioneer Missions to plant multiple churches in cities without Baptist work. The American team partnered with over 66 Brazilian believers from the 4 churches committed to this church planting project and together went to 3 cities to do Prayer walking, street evangelism, and social ministries among other ministries.

Truly this project was anointed by the Lord and besides the many blessings seen during these days, a church planting vision was cast and initiated.

12. Project Number: 2007-09-16
Project Date: September 29-October 6
Project Location: Lapa, Parana
Project Leader: Roger Fite and Builders for Christ, Oklahoma
Number of Volunteers: 16
Pioneer Evangelism Missionary: Tony & Karen Gray, Marcos & Jucileide Ferreira

- a) Chapel Construction: Lapa, Parana
- b) Evangelistic Material Distributed: 3,000 Tracts/Bibles/New Testaments
- c) Home/School Evangelistic Visits: 27
- d) Persons hearing the Gospel: 980
- e) Decisions: 66
- g) Additional Ministries: Jesus Film shown on Sunday evening
 Evangelistic Services during the week

Observations: This project was TREMENDOUSLY blessed to have the Circus of Life ministry of the Curitiba Baptist Association present for 2 months prior to the Volunteer Project to assist with evangelism, bible studies, and solidification of the new church start. The decisions made for Christ were, in part, due to the pre-evangelism and bible studies held in the homes throughout the area by the missionary staff of the Circus of Life ministry.

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IV. Update on Statistical Results from 2007 Volunteer Projects

Results from 2007 Volunteer Projects	
1. Number of baptized believers	489
2. New converts – Committed but not yet Baptized	247
3. Home bible studies	110
4. Number of people in bible studies	279
5. Number of Baptisms	45
6. Number of Leaders being trained	12
7. Number of new church starts	4

V. “Church 10”--Church Planting Projects with Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board-JMN

SUMMARY

State Convention Locations

1. CIBUC Convention in the state of Ceará
2. CBC Convention in the state of Ceará
3. CBSP Convention in the state of São Paulo

Number of Brazilian Missionary Units:

1. CIBUC	12
2. CBC	11
3. CBSP	8

Statistical Report Dates: CIBUC & CBC from 08/06 to 09/07 and
CBSP from 06/07 (beginning date) to 09/07

	CIBUC	CBC	CBSP	TOTALS
A. Number of Members	179	375	31	585
B. Number in Congregation	273	314	44	631
C. Number of Visitors	213	279	55	547
D. Homes Receiving Bible Studies	158	63	29	250
E. Persons in Home Bible Studies	324	168	66	558
F. Persons being Discipled	195	325	33	553
G. Leaders in Training	96	135	14	245
H. Baptisms	64	114	8	186
I. Church Base Plants + Missions	12 + 41	11+28	8+1	101

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VI. Training Events in 2007

- A. Seven (7) Pioneer Evangelism Clinics: 4 churches, 2 associations, 1 state convention.
- B. Three (3) “Church 10” Training events in São Paulo; Montes Claros, North Baptist Association in Minas Gerais; and on-field training with missionaries of the CIBUC Convention in Ceará.

VII. “Church 10” Church Planting Projects continuing in 2008 to begin new churches in areas without Baptist work.

- A. Fortaleza and Interior region, Ceará--4th and Final Year in 2008
- B. Piracicaba, São Paulo--2nd Year in 2008
- C. Montes Claros, North Minas Gerais--Partnership w/ Heritage B.C-- 2nd Year
- D. State Level Training Events in Rio Grande do Sul, Minas Gerais, and São Paulo

VIII. Conclusion and Challenge for Pioneer Missions

The need for reach Brazil is as great as it was 20 years ago. 50% of the municipalities/cities in Brazil do not have Baptist work. This percentage corresponds to 2,500 specific areas. In addition, 30% of these areas have NO EVANGELICAL work at all. This is NOT COUNTING the large pockets in the Mega-Cities that need Baptist work, like Guarulhos São Paulo with 1.3 million persons and only 4,000 Baptists in 39 churches.

The challenge is before us and as a mission organization we believe the time is now to be a strong partner with Brazilian Baptists, effective catalysts on all levels, and a driving force throughout the country to reach the UNREACHED areas. Pioneer Missions is positioned, like NO OTHER mission organization to make a tremendous impact on the locations that need a Baptist/Evangelical presence to proclaim the GOSPEL.

Pioneer Missions is a great organization with great people committed to the CAUSE of CHRIST and though the challenge is great, our LORD IS GREATER and HE will supply ALL that is needed to accomplish the mission before us!

Tony & Karen Gray
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