

CARRYING THE MESSAGE TO



BRAZIL

○ In 1983 God called Richard Shaffer from ministry with International Prison Ministries to work in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. As he served the University Baptist Church in Duque de Caxias from 1983 to 1988 the church grew from 22 to 295 members. One mission church was planted, and buildings were constructed to accommodate 400 in the 2nd floor church sanctuary. Through evangelism outreach, more than 10,000 professions of faith were registered by signed decision cards.

○ After five years and much prayer Richard moved west to the state of Rondonia to the city of Cerejeiras. Since 1988, he has worked with local Christians to establish what is now Central Baptist Church. He also bought 60 raw acres to develop an encampment. In 1999 the purpose of the encampment expanded to house The Garden of Eden Seminary, the only seminary in Southern Rondonia. Through that work eleven mission churches were planted, four international evangelism crusades reaped more than 2700 professions of faith in Jesus Christ. In 1998 Richard purchased a city bus, renamed Chapel on Wheels to take the Jesus Film to outlying areas and produced more than 300 decisions for Christ..

GARDEN OF EDEN SEMINARY CEREJEIRAS, RONDONIA BRAZIL

○ As Richard worked in Rondonia God spoke to his heart concerning the need for a training facility to teach local pastors and church leaders who were familiar with the local culture. Since 2002 seventeen students have graduated from Garden of Eden Seminary and are serving in various capacities in the area. The 60 acre encampment became the campus for the seminary. From undeveloped land the encampment and seminary have grown to include a chapel, kitchen and dining pavilion, three dormitories, library, computer lab, flushing outhouses, showers and dressing houses, laundry, director's house, coconut orchard, soccer field, volleyball courts, swings and see-saws. Land has been leveled and a retention wall built in preparation for eight apartments for married couples. Since 2006, improvements and new equipment have been added on the seminary grounds. A transmission tower for internet and one new computer were added to give students greater access to study resources.

○ RSMM (Richard Shaffer Mission Ministries) sends groups of individuals every year for mission work where hundreds of professions of faith are recorded by local churches.

○ In addition, RSMM regularly cooperates with the *Anti-Drug Council of Cerejeiras* by providing spiritual counseling and training where necessary.



"We ask that you pray for us that the message of the Gospel will be proclaimed clearly and that God will work in hearts to bring many to Him."



*Your Friends in Brazil,
Richard and Debora Shaffer*



A Message to those who love God and seek to participate in fulfilling the Great Commission:

We covet your prayers. Our vision in western Brazil involves working in the local population, training pastors and church leaders to carry the message that Jesus Christ loves men and women and children and desires for them to have eternal life.

~ Richard Shaffer ~

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- \$135 a month provides a scholarship for one seminary student
- Cost of replacing the bus to transport students and continue the Chapel on Wheels - \$11000
- Future replacement of VW van for seminary and church business - \$6600
- Grant to complete one apartment for married couples - \$6600

Contributions to RSMM are tax deductible and will support the work in Brazil. The only funds used in the U. S. are for mailing the newsletter.

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