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*Thank you for being with us in all this and more.
The work goes on! To God be the glory!*

2 EAB's CHURCH PLANTS and EVANGELISTIC WORK

by John Medcraft

In this EAB's 80th year our evangelistic ministry presses ahead as it has from day one! From tiny very poor villages to violent large cities EAB is always seeking to plant churches as lighthouses of God's gospel.

The latest church plant is underway in the Pernambuco state capital Recife, 75 miles south of our headquarters state capital of João Pessoa. This has long been a strategic aim of EAB so as to expand the work further in this neighboring State, whilst being within a logistically supportable range of our nearest church. Thus João Pessoa is overseeing the church plant in Recife where two mature Christian couples are at the core of the new venture for God. Please pray for Mauro and Edna alongside Luzildo and Gilmara.

About 260 miles west of Recife takes us to Princesa Isabel in Paraíba State where EAB built its first church nearly eight decades ago. There we are planting a number of churches in the small villages of the area where previous Gospel witness has never been established. Whereas Recife has a population of over 1.6 million these small villages have populations in the hundreds, but they all need the Gospel.

At the moment in special need of support in prayer are church plants at such places as Lagoa de São João, Belém, Jurema, Fonseca, Travessia, Ipueira and Pocinhos. EAB has 83 churches in this its 80th year and all your prayer and support is much appreciated so that God's truth might continue to march on!

CARNIVAL CAMP 2018

by John Medcraft

The Carnival Camp was a real blessing with 250 present. The theme this year was: After 80 years EAB/ACEV's commitment to integral mission continues. "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

The opening message on the Saturday night was brought by Pastor Wostenes (Campina Grande) on "what integral mission is and what it is not".



On the Sunday morning his wife Gleydice spoke on the place of art and culture in the integral mission of the church. On the Sunday night Pastor Gersé (Princesa Isabel) spoke about integral mission in rural areas drilling wells etc. On Monday morning Pastor Lindon Carlos (Imaculada) laid out the biblical basis for integral mission and at night I spoke about how environmental care is part of the integral mission of the church.

On Tuesday morning our social worker Marah Danielle (Patos) spoke about the place of the woman in the integral mission of the church and the closing service that evening heard Pastor Rafael (Teixeira) speaking about church planting and evangelism as part of integral mission.

As well as this bible teaching there was much great praise and worship plus leisure times, walks, sport etc. There was a parallel programme for the children which also went well. Thanks to one and all for your support and prayers.



CAMPINA GRANDE

by Marian Rashleigh

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The teacher from our Action School attached to the church in Campina Grande wrote to tell us about a special day they called **"Action in the Street."**

We spent a whole day working in the Tambor community where our students live. It's a very poor community.

They feel forgotten by government but they are loved by us. 95 volunteers from the church got together and offered many different services. Nurses, doctors, dentists, physiotherapist, hairdressers, lawyers, teachers and other professionals got together to offer this community proper care.

While adults were receiving different types of services, children were taken care of by Action school teachers and volunteers look after them. The day ended with a meeting. There was a lot of worship and it was the perfect way to end the day.

Later in the month when the school singing group took part in the service a mother came to church specially to give her testimony about how her son's life changed since he started coming to Action school.

Thank you to all the sponsors of the Action Child and Schools project. You are making a huge difference to the lives of our children.



Reminder for Child Sponsors

by Marian Rashleigh

Child sponsorship is working very well after changes in recent months.

We would encourage sponsors to write to their sponsored child as the children get very excited when a letter comes.

It can be easily sent by email, written in English, clearly marked with the child's name and number, to John Medcraft at: eabrazil@gmail.com

John will get it translated and forward it to the appropriate teacher for the child. You can also send it by post to John at John Medcraft, Caixa Postal 23, Patos, Paraiba, 58700-970, Brazil.



SOUP RUN

by Marian Rashleigh

Last year a group of people from EAB/ACEV's Patos church wanted to reach out to the poor so asked them what they needed most and the answer was food!

It was because of that need that I spent an afternoon with a team cutting up piles of vegetables to make 130 litres of thick vegetable soup which we then decanted into individual containers.

The team loaded up a van and we were off to the Placas slum area to distribute soup and rolls to the people who live there.

It is a poor and dangerous slum, but we were accompanied by the police part of the time!

The distribution of food gives the needy the opportunity to receive Gospel leaflets and ask about Jesus, and sometimes the team are asked to pray for the sick.

Since my visit the team have increased their visits to include breakfast for those living on the streets. When you see their faces they can hardly understand how people care enough about them to bring them food.

The work, led by Gylmara (John and Liz's daughter-in-law), is hard, difficult and sometimes dangerous, but it is so rewarding to see the smiles of recipients, and know that you are able to touch those in need with the love of Christ.



DRUG-FREE PROJECT

by John Medcraft

We are now having evening "drug-free" project meetings each week. The meetings are for people who have stopped using drugs and are fighting to stay off them, or the same for excessive alcoholism.

The meetings are also to support the families of people affected by a family member on drugs or alcoholism.

Last night we had people pouring their hearts out with all the stress of seeing family members under the grips of drugs or drink.

It was wonderful to be able to really minister into these families.

We have just ended 3 days of training for the expansion of the Drug Free Project which all went very well indeed though extremely intense and exhausting. In all 61 were trained in Patos and João Pessoa.



YOUNG AT HEART

by Marian Rashleigh

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I spent a morning with the Young at Heart group which is for the older ladies of the church.

For most it is the highlight of their week as they cannot get out without transport. Usually I make crafts with them, but this time was asked to do something different, so I made up a Powerpoint presentation of my childhood days, and some pictures of Liz and John, followed by a short devotional message on 'Kind Words'. Afterwards they had a snack of cheese and biscuits, followed by cake.

Each week these ladies are picked up from home and driven to the Care Centre. They have learnt so many crafts through the years using a wide range of media. It gives them great joy to be able to make things and share them with family members.

These ladies outlook on life has changed since this group was started several years ago. They cherish their time at the Care Centre and know they are loved by the staff.

At the close of the meeting they presented me with a large decorated box filled with crafts that they had made themselves. It was so kind of them as most were new since my last visit, so did not know me.



EAB NEWS IN BRIEF

ADULT CLASSES

The EAB church at Imaculada has been holding afternoon literacy classes for adults. The students have just passed their first exam! This is an ideal opportunity to get to know them and welcome them to the church.

COUPLES WEEKEND

The church at Campina Grande held a weekend for couples entitled "Guidelines for family strengthening". It was a blessed time of spiritual teaching, leisure and Communion.

NEW WELL

One of the wells drilled in partnership with Tearfund was at Riacho Grande near Princesa Isabel. Approximately 43 families will now benefit from having water in their village.

BAPTISMS

Recently there were 14 baptisms of new converts at Jua, Teixeira, Portelo, Soledade and Flores. The Gospel is being preached and people are coming to Christ.

Don't forget, our new website address is now....
www.eabrazil.org

YOUTH JUMBLE SALE

The youth at the Teixeira church wanted to raise finances to take some of their young people to a Youth Congress in Princesa Isabel. They arranged a huge jumble sale in the street one Saturday and it was a great success.



EAB TOUR OF EUROPEAN CHURCHES & SUPPORTERS 2018

John & Liz Medcraft look forward to renewing contact and fellowship with supporters, family and friends in 4 European countries this autumn. Please note their agenda:

August

23: Arrival at Heathrow

26: Lighthouse Community Church, Hardley am + West Wellow Gospel Hall pm

September

1: Weston Super Mare

2: Bristol Ivy Church am + Bristol Pentecostal Holiness Church pm

3-8: Switzerland

9: Verwood Chapel am

16: Bethlehem Christian Life Centre, Wales am

20: Hylton Castle Mission, Sunderland pm

23: Great Lumley Evangelical Church am + Weir Valley Christian Centre pm

25: Victory Church, Horden pm

28: EAB Board meeting pm

29: EAB 80th Annual Celebration - Lighthouse Community Church pm

30: Cadnam Methodist Church am + Winterslow Lifeboat Mission pm

October

7: Found Church, Larbert, Scotland

14: Emmanuel Baptist Church, Thamesmead am

21: Danbury Mission

28: Rock Community Church, Devizes am

31: Return to Brazil from Heathrow

OUTREACH AT MANAIRA

The special Evangelistic Outreach was held in January at Manaira with a team of 108 young people. Altogether 25 decisions were made for Christ during the 10 days of door-to-door evangelism and street services, as well as some rural evangelism at Fonseca.

Our prayer is that a good proportion of those who made decisions will be genuinely converted.



FUNDRAISING

We are very grateful to all who have raised funds and awareness of EAB for us.

These include Cadnam Methodist Church with their annual concert, Marian's Christmas Gift Cards, Jean S's craft sales, Keith's honey sales, Jean N's concert by her music students, Dave's CD sales and table-top sales. This means we can reach many more people with the Gospel and practical care.

LEGACIES

If you are interested in leaving EAB some money, or gifts, in your will please contact the treasurer (her details are on the back page) and ask for the legacy details.



Worship cd by Dave Flowers, "Grace".
All proceeds to EAB and EAB's ActionChild.
Pick one up at LCC for only £5.
Or send a cheque made out to
Lighthouse Community Church

Lighthouse Community
Church, Hardley Green,
Hardley, Southampton
SO45 3NZ



for £7 to cover P&P - £5 will be transferred to
EAB. Please include your postal address!

E: admin@lighthousecommunitychurch.co.uk

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PATOS CHURCH LIVE BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY

Did you know that you can see and listen to the service in the Patos Church, live, each Sunday night at 18:30 (Patos time) and 22:30 (UK BST time). Do not miss this wherever you are!

We certainly have come a long way from the days of communicating by post which took months!

Watch each service live or see its recording the following day at:
[facebook.com/Ação-Evangélica-Patos-PB-773650192729931](https://www.facebook.com/Ação-Evangélica-Patos-PB-773650192729931)



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REMINDERS

We invite you to join with us at the 80th Annual Celebration which will be held at Lighthouse Community Church, Hardley, Southampton. SO45 3NZ on Saturday 29th September 2018.

John and Liz Medcraft will be with us for this celebration.

A fellowship tea starts at 5.30pm and the service will commence at 7.00pm. There will be an auction and a Bring & Buy Stall, so please donate saleable items for this wonderful mission.

Please support the EAB English language only facebook page.. by visiting it and clicking on the word "Like" at the top of the page. This is an important means of spreading the word about EAB on a worldwide scale and of keeping right up to date with daily photos and mini news snippets: facebook.com/eabrazil



Please support EAB!

If you would like to make a donation towards the work of EAB, please send your cheques made payable to 'Evangelical Action Brazil' to Mrs Beryl Gough, 6 The Glade, Langley, Southampton SO45 1ZP.

Alternatively, if you want to make a direct payment from your bank, our banking details are: Lloyds, sort code 30-91-85 account number 02385564. If you use this option please email eabfinance@gmail.com giving brief details of the donation. Donations can be made online at www.eabrazil.org

Any gift, no matter how small is greatly appreciated and will be used to further God's work in Brazil. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to 'Gift Aid' your donation, please ask Beryl for a form. Thank You!