



ACEV is short for Acao Evangelica which means Evangelical Action.

ACEV is the name of the network of churches founded by EAB and thus traces its origins back to 1938 as does EAB. Today ACEV and EAB work in intricate partnership. EAB has its board of trustees in the UK with Liz and I as field directors in Brazil.

ACEV has its own senior leadership team which is elected every 4 years by the pastors and church representatives at our May general conference. I am the chair of this team with Pastor Wostenes deputy chair.

ACEV has 81 churches with 25 larger churches, 27 medium sized churches and 29 small churches and church plants which have a total of 3,236 members.

Please pray for ACEV's leaders and pastors, and for EAB's trustees, that God's work might always press ahead with great vigor and partnership for the glory of God.



ACEV and EAB celebrate 86 years of existence this year looking to God to soon reach a ton!

John Medcraft
(EAB Field Director and ACEV Chair)

Lage de Onça

This is our latest market garden project at Lage de Onça in the county of Tavares, receiving guidance from our agricultural team about pruning fruit trees, combating pests, preparing natural insecticides and preparing the soil for planting.

The project donated hoes, spades, rakes, watering cans, wire netting, irrigation pipe, micro sprayers, shade netting, a water tank, an electric water pump and PVC tubing. The project also donated fruit tree seedlings and an assortment of vegetable seeds.



TINY CHURCH TODDLE

An amazing group of toddlers from the Tiny Church at Great Lumley Evangelical Church (Durham) spent time one day making special sheep headbands before going to the local park, and enjoying a sponsored toddle along with their parents, carers and helpers.

The toddle ended with snacks and drinks and then the children sang some lively toddler worship songs.

The whole event caused a lot of interest to passers-by, and so they were told about how the children were trying to raise money for a sheep for a poor family in Brazil.

The total amount raised was £645, enough to pay for 5 sheep and their injections, etc.

Well done, toddlers!!

The whole event was suggested by a Tiny Church helper who saw an article in the last copy of InTouch about the sheep/goat project, and suggested the children did a sponsored toddle for EAB's Four Legs project.



Maria de Lourdes

Maria de Lourdes has just got her first bathroom, first toilet and first shower in her life at 81 years old! She lives in a stick-and-mud house in the Barra de Oitis quilombola (descendants of ex-slaves) community and is seen here with our social worker Marah Danielle. Maria de Lourdes lives with her children and grandchildren – making a total of 13 altogether.

This bathroom project is just one of the social projects of Evangelical Action, and is for the glory of God.

Rogério

Rogério is a lovely man aged 42 who many moons ago was a pupil of our Pastor Frank Dyer school in the borough of Jatobá in Patos.

Today he is working in our garden where a wall has fallen down.

He is married and the father of 3 children, two of whom have been pupils of our school, and the third is currently at the school.

His two older children also take part in our teenagers' follow-up group at our school.

Rogério is working with Orlando who is the fruit of our Job Creation project. This project helped Orlando commence a gardening business, kitting him out with tools.

Today he is the best gardener in Patos!

These two men are the direct result of EAB's practical projects which put God's love in action, and we thank the Lord that Orlando and his son know Jesus.



Missions SUNDAY

The first Sunday in September is always Missions Sunday in all our churches, as it was on September 2nd that Albert and Daisy Mundy first landed in Brazil back in 1938.

In Patos our drama group presented a 30 minute play (which John wrote) about missions to commemorate the 86th anniversary of this date.

Then Pastor Rafael brought an excellent message on 1 Corinthians 15:58 challenging the church to stand firm in missions always "giving ourselves fully to the work of the Lord."



Our Newest School

The latest Brazilian census shows that there are 11.4 million illiterate people of 15 years old and over in Brazil.

EAB's action schools are but a drop in the ocean, but we are contributing towards the solution of this problem as we make sure that over 800 children learn to read and write well in our Action Schools.

The photo is of our newest school at the village of Agua Grande.



TV and Radio Broadcast

In May John was invited by the TV Sol to do an hour-long televised interview which would also be transmitted by state-wide radio and by YouTube.

The interview was wide ranging, starting with his experiences adapting to Brazil back in 1972-73. Then the interviewer asked him about his pioneer work as a radio evangelist starting in 1980, as he was the first person to have an evangelical radio programme in Patos.

The interviewer also wanted to know about the times of religious persecution of the evangelicals in the past, and about the wide-ranging work that now goes on in churches, and schools as well as the projects.

John was also asked about the political involvement of evangelicals in recent years, and about his own socio-political activities over the years such as fighting for a water pipeline over 20 years ago which was even reported on by the BBC.

The TV interview went very well and was a wonderful opportunity for the Gospel, and John has received a lot of positive feedback from viewers and listeners.



Baptisms

During the last few months we have celebrated because many people have been baptised on profession of their faith. At Flores church 3 new converts were baptised, 1 at Itaporanga church, 8 at Catole church in Campina Grande and 10 at Patos Church. We thank God that His Word is spreading across the area and saving souls!



Motorbike Accident

Fabio is one of our young leaders who leads the Travessia and Fonseca smaller churches.

As a child Fabio attended one of our EAB Action Schools. He was giving his sister and her friend a lift on the back of his motorbike when he had an accident!

Fabio was taken to Patos Hospital where his broken right arm and hand were set in plaster, his grazed right arm bandaged, and his left knee was heavily bandaged having been ripped open. The two girls that were also on the bike were fortunate to be unscathed as they didn't even have crash helmets on!



EAB WHEELCHAIRS



This is Edmilson at Ipueira who has had an EAB wheelchair for two and a half years since he badly broke his leg. He has the metal cage on his leg because despite being operated on, his bones won't mend and the doctors can't seem to fix it.

EAB wheelchairs are such a blessing to those who need them as they cannot afford to buy one, but can borrow one of ours, and hand it back when they have finished with them, so others can benefit.

Sport in Action

The girls in our Action School in Flores love playing football



Up in the mountains in the town of Matureia (highest point in the state of Paraiba) EAB has a church which is going well under the leadership of Pastor Renilson.

It also has an excellent school there under the leadership of Renilson's wife, Getiane who started it 18 years ago, and now it has 260 children.

Staff identified 21 children in the project suffering from anxiety issues and even panic attacks.

They organized appointments for them with a psychologist and also paid for 6 appointments for each child. It was so important and helpful for all of them.

Pastor Renilson is now teaching 9-11 year-olds to play the guitar. They are all crazy about these lessons and are very excited to start playing in church!

Last month a young teenage boy made a lovely commitment to the Lord, and he is the 8th pupil from our school there to do so.



Macambira Community

The Market Gardening Project is going very well in the Macambira Community of Lucios.

The project encourages and supports family farming by generating more income for the men and women in the countryside. The project supports planting with shading screen, hand cart, tools, irrigation equipment etc. and support it with technical guidance.

Not only does it provide the family with fresh food, but they can sell their surplus.



FUNDRAISING

The Cadnam Methodist Church band hold a concert each year to raise money for EAB.

This year the concert raised £2,000.

In July, music teacher Jean Medcraft, also held a fundraising concert in Chineham Church, Basingstoke, where her pupils of all ages showed how well they could play their instruments.



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Last year we raised £4,005 for the various projects. It would be wonderful if we could make more this year!

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