

## Monthly Newsletter from the Kawamuras-July-August 2009-09-29-09

### Activities at SATS (South American Theological Seminary), Neighbors and Family

The swine flu pandemic in the Londrina metropolitan area and neighboring cities in the state of Paraná created a unique situation during the months of July and August: the state ordered all schools to go into a 2-3 week long recess. SATS and PGD, Isaac's school, recessed from 08/01 to 08/17, for Isaac and 08/24, for Steve. Isaac enjoyed his



1<sup>st</sup> year students doing class exercise in small groups-SATS-September 2009

recess, playing

with neighborhood children. But by the second week, PGD was already sending homework to be done via the internet, which Isaac faithfully did. Nilza was able to spend more time trying to organize our home, help our neighbors, SATS students and their families and take care of her health. She began an internet class and web design class which she hopes she can use to help others that to learn enabling them to gain future employment and sustenance. We were also able to make a one-day trip to São Paulo for Nilza to pick up her replacement US passport and visit leaders at Hosana Casaverde. For Steve, the recess proved to be a good time for him to design the curricula for the class he's teaching on campus ("Theology and Practice of Communication and Preaching") and the two he's overseeing online in Distance Learning ("Biblical Theology of the Old Testament" and "Pastoral Counseling"). With all the SATS professors trying to enrich the learning experience in every class taught with a motivating question and an individual/small group learning exercise, Steve was able to design and launch new curricula for the distance learning classes. His first motivating question in the Pastoral Counseling was, "Why is pastoral counseling taught in a theological seminary?;" the learning exercise was, "Based on the required readings what key aspects of pastoral counseling are you using in your current or planned service for the Kingdom? What new concept can you apply to be a more effective and fruitful counselor in your familial, church and community contexts?" He was able to teach the first class on campus before the state-ordered recess and launched and has been teaching the distance-learning classes since 08/10. God has blessed him with 46 enthusiastic and committed 1<sup>st</sup> year students on campus and 70 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students in distance learning.



Hosana Londrina Teachers-Open Air Sunday School-August 2009

### IE Hosana Londrina Activities

Leaders at IE Hosana continued to learn Biblical worldview, studied "The A, B, C's of Culture," applied the principles learned in their personal and corporate lives and saw their outreach growing. Responding to the state's encouragement, because of the swine flu, to curtail social gatherings such as worship services and to hold classes in well-ventilated areas, they took their Sunday school classes into a nearby public park and taught them in the open-air. They continued mentoring their Sunday School students weekly, spending time sharing, praying with them and visiting their homes. One of their young adult leaders passed a state civil service exam and moved to Araçatuba, in the state

of São Paulo, to work and use his training, mentoring and discipleship talents learned at the church in Londrina to help his parents at the Hosana Araçatuba church.



Jesus giving the message at Hosana Casaverde-August 2009

### **IE Hosana Casaverde Activities**

Pr. Kaoru, the leader at Hosana Casaverde, used the months of July and August to disciple the families of the church.

Using a good discipleship curriculum with a wholistic ministry emphasis, he built up the Bolivian immigrant and Japanese Brazilian families with positive results. Jesus, a first-generation Bolivian leader preached the Biblical message on 08/16, while Pr. Kaoru visited and preached the message at Hosana Araçatuba. Leaders continued reaching out socially to Bolivian adolescent and young adult males by arranging and playing informal soccer games at a nearby field rented with their own donations. The Bolivian couple which received Christ in June returned to Bolivia to build their home, with Pr. Kaoru planning follow-up through the Bolivian members in the church.

Leaders continued meeting spiritual, physical, social and wisdom needs of neighborhood children with afterschool tutoring, snacks, Bible devotions and silk-screening and artisan basket making activities.

### **Thanksgiving Report and Prayer Requests**

- 1) Thank you God for the discipleship of new believers in Christ and their leadership development among the Bolivian/Peruvian group at Hosana Casaverde;
- 2) Thank you God for meeting spiritual, physical, social and wisdom needs of neighborhood children through wholistic discipleship activities of Hosana Londrina and Casaverde leaders;
- 3) Thank you God for grace and wisdom helping Nilza meet the physical, social and spiritual needs of neighbors and students at SATS, enabling Steve to design, launch and teach three new disciplines at SATS, mentor 4<sup>th</sup> year students' monographs, shepherd the male students as chaplain and train leadership at IE Hosana Londrina;
- 4) Please ask God to grant us wisdom to wisely meet the physical, spiritual, social and wisdom needs of our neighbors, students at SATS and develop new curricula, teach three new disciplines, pastor, mentor students at SATS, train leadership at Hosana Londrina and teach English conversation to children and inductive Bible studies to adults at Holiness Londrina;
- 5) Please ask God to keep us all in good health, help Nilza recover from sinusitis and allergy attacks, relieve the pain in Nilza's shoulders, arms and hands she gets from their overuse and enable Isaac to concentrate on his school work and language learning;
- 6) Please ask God to raise up the human (prayer partners and collaborating churches), spiritual (intercessors) and material (financial and transportation) resources we will need to manifest our Harvest 2009 Project Plan for Brazil, Hawaii and Japan, secure a loan for a new car and bring our current account at Food for the Hungry to a positive balance.