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“But you in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

1 Peter 3.15

From January 30 to February 4 I conducted a Vision Conference with the YWAM in Belo Horizonte, Midwest of Brazil. This region has several mountains and the weather is pleasant. This YWAM base is very nice but surrounded by a squatter area where human brokenness is manifested. These challenges affect the young missionaries in training and we're often invited to serve them with the teachings that we have at Harvest.

A major challenge that these youth face is to give a Christian witness in the universities. At the same time, they represent great potential to make a difference in that environment. This was the third time that I conducted a conference in this mission base. I've always found an



audience of young people interested to learn God's Word and curious about our topic, "Servant Leadership", which is a core value in their organization.

Our training sessions included lessons of biblical wholism with emphasis on servant leadership. My goals were to help them see that:

- working with knowledge as human activity has its place in a college setting
- Christian students need biblical and historical basis to answer to humanism, which is imposed to them as science, without being science at all
- Christian students need strong faith and conviction of what they believe
- church leaders and Christian professors should constantly teach and dialogue about issues of faith and science and acknowledge God's sovereignty in all areas of life
- biblical wholism provides solid base for Christian students, who experience their faith not only on the basis of knowledge, but on the basis of obedience to God's instructions and love for their neighbors.

The students were really surprised by the possibility of having a dialogue in the academic environment, using biblical and historical basis. At first, the students were insecure to engage in this kind of dialogue, due to lack of support from their churches, but after the training they were encouraged to respond to the reason of their faith.

Would you like to join me in training the young generation in the Scriptures and help them be faithful witnesses of Jesus in colleges? Opportunities like this one are frequent in our schedule of trainings throughout Brazil. You can be part of one of these trainings, you can provide financial support, and you can be an intercessor for this work.

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