



## **CROSSVISION MISSIONS IN TAVARES BRAZIL JUNE, 2009**

**Upon their return from the first missionary journey Paul and Barnabas,  
“...gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them  
and how he had opened the door of faith to the gentiles.” (see Acts 14)**

I long for the day when we will see the whole church gathered to hear the report of all God has done through us. As for now, I would like to share one of the greatest days in service of my Lord Jesus Christ that this missionary has ever experienced. Last week while serving in Brazil with the Fowlers, a team of missionaries from Alabama, and several Brazilian Christians, we had the joyous privilege of witnessing the Spirit of God consume an entire community.

The name of the town was Belem (Bethlehem). It appeared that around two hundred families of farmers lived in this town. The town was laid out in the shape of a Y with the only evidence of religion, a Catholic Church building, standing directly in the y of the road. We learned that three years earlier the Catholic Church had required that the people pay such a high amount for their services that the town refused, so the Priest stopped coming. These good people had heard of Jesus as the son of Mary, but I personally did not encounter anyone who understood that Jesus was the savior of the world, or that had ever heard the truth of the Gospel. Through a medical service tent and door to door evangelism we were able to share the Gospel with every person who was in the town that day. I don't think I would be exaggerating to say 99.9% of all who listen responded positively. Before you discount this testimony let me share with you the climatic event of that day. Around 6:30 pm we held a worship service for the town's people. A musical group had traveled several hours to be with us and they led out in praise music. At first very few in the town had come but as the band began to play and the sound began to ripple through their doors and windows they started to come. One after another they filled the area in front of the abandon Catholic church. Believe it or not, we literally used the front steps and landing of the church to hold this service. It made a perfect stage and spectacular background for worshipping their new savior.

When I say worshipping through songs and praise was foreign to these folks, I mean they had never ever lifted their hands and sang for God's glory. This just does not happen among Catholics. As a confirmation message was presented, the truth of their acceptance of our Lord became evident and before our eyes we witnessed new babes sing loud and dance with joy, for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords had come into their hearts and filled them with hope, peace, and joy. Before the evening concluded the people were begging us not to stop. A prayer service broke out and many came asking for the blessing of prayer. Not as the priest would with a hand crossing and a sprinkle of holy water but sincere words voiced in intercession unto a loving Father.

Many of you joined this team through prayer and I want you to know God responded in a powerful way and I hope to share more of how He answered your prayers in the days to come. I only wished every person who has ever asked Jesus to be their Lord could experience the joy of joining God's mighty work and live the abundant life He wants us to live. Please pray for the newly formed Bible study and church in Belem. They will meet every Saturday.

While in Brazil we learned how few families have a Bible in their homes. I want to ask you to pray and ask God to allow you to give a financial gift that will enable CrossVision to purchase Portuguese Bibles to be distributed through the ministry of Clyde Fowler and his family. Each whole Bible cost around \$3.50. I would love to be able to send as many Bibles to Brazil as we currently distribute in Mexico. Last year that was 3000 Bibles. So help us to accomplish this goal for the Glory of God.

May Jesus be continually on your heart and in your sight as we labor in Love and together  
“We will move forward on our knees” (Eph 6:18)

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