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Brazil Missions

With Randy & Cindy Richner and Joel & Megan Richner
* June 24-July 3rd 2023



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What will I be doing?

On this missions trip our main focus is to reach out to students in public schools. In addition, we will be doing ministry with local churches and evangelistic meetings with Brazilian teenagers. Brazilians are very interested in Americans and want to practice English with you! This is also a great opportunity to draw attention to the churches and the ministries that the Richner's are involved with. Other activities we will be participating in are work projects involving some painting and light construction.

	Saturday, June 24	Sunday, June 25	Monday, June 26	Tuesday, June 27	Wednesday, June 28
Morning	Depart from Harvest	Arrive in Dois Irmaos, Brazil	High School Ministry	High School Ministry	Gramado Trip
Afternoon	Fly	Unpack and tour	High School Ministry	High School Ministry/Work Project	Gramado Trip
Evening	Fly	Church Service	Debrief Meeting	Churrascaria	Gramado Trip

	Thursday, June 29	Friday, June 30	Saturday, July 1	Sunday, July 2	Monday, July 3
Morning	Dois Irmaos Community Outreach	Retreat Center Project	Dois Irmaos Church Event	Half Day Trip	Head for Home
Afternoon	Dois Irmaos Community Outreach	Retreat Center Project	Church event	Half Day Trip	Fly
Evening	Evangelistic Meeting with Teenagers	Brazilian Pizza	Church event	Church Service	Arrive Home

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Who will I be ministering with?

Randy and Cindy Richner serve as missionaries in Southern Brazil. They plant churches and start community ministries and camps. They are also involved nationally with developing leaders through the Bible Institute and Biblical Counseling Training. Joel and Megan Richner have recently married and joined Randy and Cindy on the missions field in Brazil.



Where will I be staying?

We will be staying at a hotel that is in the same area as the church in Dois Irmaos.

How safe will I be?

As long as you follow the rules and stay with the group, you will be very safe! Other countries have different customs and laws, so it will be very important to listen and follow directions carefully to stay out of trouble. No one has ever been harmed on any of our missions trips!

Do I need a passport or a visa?

Yes! You will need a passport and you should apply for one as soon as possible. At this time you do not need a visa to travel to Brazil. If that changes, we will let you know immediately.

What about food?

Most meals in Brazil are covered by the cost of the trip. You will need money for meals while we are flying to Brazil and back.

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What does the trip cost and how do I pay for it?

First off, take a deep breath and just know that if God wants you to go, he will supply the funds! The total cost per person is approximately \$3000. That is the goal. Not everyone will reach \$3000 and that is OK. God will provide. All the money team members raise goes into a pot that all our expenses and gifts to the missionary are paid from. While you are responsible to try to raise those dollars, we have a few ways that will greatly help you.

1. **Support Letters.** We will give you an example support letter as a guide. You should customize that letter, making it as personal as possible for each person you send a letter to. You will be required to send out a minimum of 40 support letters. There is no maximum. We strongly encourage you to send a letter to everyone you know.

2. **Go Fund Me.** We encourage you to set up a Go Fund Me account and use the power of social media to gain support. Please note that this money will go directly to you and will not be tax-deductible for those donating. You will be responsible for turning that money in to the church to be used for the trip. Please do not misuse this fundraising tool.

3. **Host a Mission Night.** Host a mission night at your home or at a friend's house. You simply need to invite your friends and give a stress-free, fun and encouraging presentation about Brazil and how you think God might use you. We will provide you with tools such as videos and recipes for Brazilian food, and we will train you how to do this in our missions trip meetings.

Required Assignments?

1. Pray for God to supply the funds needed to go on this trip! Look for opportunities to raise and earn the money needed.
2. Write a 2-page report on the history and culture of Brazil.
3. Set up a face-to-face interview with Pastor Matt. We just want to make sure your heart is in the right place, and you are growing in your faith.
4. Read assigned book and write a one page paper. At the release of this packet, I am researching a new book that would be beneficial to you for the trip. I will assign the book by the first meeting.
5. Be able to share the Gospel clearly and simply

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6. Type up a copy of your testimony that we can send to the missionaries in advance. You will need to be ready to share your testimony while in Brazil!
7. Pray for and share the Gospel with at least one person before the trip.
8. Have attended Lead the Cause or Reverb within the last 2 years. If you have not been trained in evangelism and discipleship you can still apply but we will need to train you before the trip. If you have been trained somewhere else, please let Pastor Matt know. We also expect that you are serving somewhere at Harvest.
9. Memorize Romans Road verses and the GOSPEL method of sharing the Gospel.
10. Actively participate in your student ministry, which includes Ignite Senior High Youth Group and, if at all possible, Sunday morning Bible Study. It is understood there may be occasional times that you may need to miss certain events. If that happens, you should inform Pastor Matt ahead of time.
11. Come to all meetings. (see below)
12. Pray for this ministry experience regularly!

Training and other important dates...

All meetings will be in the Youth Center at 12:00 noon unless otherwise stated. Lunch will not be provided at the parents meeting. We will try to keep the parents meeting short.

1. **January 8th at 12:05pm.** Short parents meeting in the Youth Center. Application and deposit (\$200) are due. If you can't pay the whole \$200 it's ok, please just put down what you can. Apply for your passport as soon as possible. **Start Raising Support!**
2. **Feb 12** Intro to the Trip! Pastor Matt will break down the trip with all the details that he has. All reference forms are due! A list of your supporters is due! (At least 40 names) Brazil Paper is due! We will start to prep for our Public School Ministry.
3. **March 12** Passport Party! Bring in your passport so we can make copies to buy airline tickets. Another \$200 is due. Testimonies are also due. We hope that you will have raised close to \$2000 between all sources by this time, as we plan on purchasing

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airline tickets within 2 weeks of this meeting. We will further develop our school ministry as well as our teen outreach.

4. April 23 I hope to bring in our Brazilian friends to help us with our Portuguese and teach us about the culture. You should be able to share your testimony and the Gospel by now. You will practice sharing your testimony and the Gospel through a translator.

5. May 21 One page book report due. We hope that by now you have all \$3,000 raised. We will need to send some money to the Richner's in advance so our fundraising should be coming to a close. We will be finalizing all ministry plans!

6. June 11 Will go through all final details! We hope to have all ministry plans ready to go by now but will use this time for additional work as needed. Otherwise, we will dedicate this time to making sure the team has the final details and we will spend significant time in prayer.

Health Concerns

We will be purchasing international travel insurance on behalf of each person on the trip. Please let us know about any allergies or limitations your student may have. We will distribute CDC recommendations for immunizations and medications at the parent meeting. At this time, the Covid Vaccine is **not** necessary to enter Brazil, but a negative test result is. Proof of a negative or not detected antigen test or RT-PCR, taken one day prior to boarding. We will talk more about this at the parents meeting as well.