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With Randy & Cindy Richner and Maicol & Mandy Venter

BRAZIL

INFORMATION PACKET

JUNE 6-14



Brazil 2020

What will we be doing?

Mornings - A variety of service projects including painting and carpentry, led by an experienced carpenter. For you artistic types, we may also be working on a mural.

Afternoons - We will be performing school assembly programs in public schools. We will have drama's, bucket drums, music and testimonies / stories / preaching.

Evenings - Debriefing meetings, socialize with the local church and / or play sports and games at two ministry centers. Serve in whatever way needed at the ministry centers.

	Saturday June 6	Sunday June 7	Monday June 8	Tuesday June 9	Wednesday June 10
Morning	Depart from Harvest	Rest	Construction at the Retreat Center	Construction at the Retreat Center	Debrief and prepare for Santa Cruz Ministry.
Afternoon	Fly	Tour of area	Ministry at Dois Irmaos Schools	Ministry at Dois Irmaos Schools	Ministry at Santa Cruz Schools
Evening	Arrive in Brazil Orientation and Youth Mtg	Church Service	Relationship Building and Debrief	Drive to Santa Cruz	Ministry at Santa Cruz Min Center

	Thursday June 11	Friday June 12	Saturday July 13	Sunday June 14	
Morning	Debrief	Gramado Tourist Day	Retreat Center Construction	Church Service	
Afternoon	Ministry at Santa Cruz Schools	Gramado Tourist Day	Retreat Center Construction	Head for home	
Evening	Ministry at Santa Cruz Min Center.	Gramado Tourist Day	Youth Meeting	Arrive back in Chicago	

Who will we be ministering with?

Randy and Cindy Richner serve in Porto Alegre, Brazil, planting a church in Ivoti in partnership with Unidos church. They help develop national leadership through the Bible Institute and biblical counseling training. Recently they planted a church in Dois Irmaos. While Randy and Cindy Richner will be our main missionary hosts, we will also be working with Maicol and Mandy Venter who are also missionaries that Harvest supports. They are located in Santa Cruz and we will be spending time both in schools and the Venters ministry Center.



Where will we be staying?

We will be staying with the Richner's at their ministry center in Ivoti and in host homes the Richner's have screened. We will also be traveling to Santa Cruz and doing ministry with the Venter's where we will be staying in a hotel.

How safe will I be?

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

Do I need a Passport or 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 are covered by the cost of the trip. Except, you will need money for meals while we are flying to Brazil and back.

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 \$2000. That is the goal. Not everyone will reach \$2000 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 out of. Although 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. You should really try to 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. 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. You will be responsible for getting that money turned into the church to be used for the trip. Please do not misuse this fundraising tool.
3. Host a mission night at your home or at a friend's house. You just need to invite your friends and give an stress-free, fun and encouraging presentation about Brazil, and how you think God might use you. We will give you tools like videos, recipes for Brazilian food, and you will use your support letters. If anyone is interested, 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 2 books and write one page papers on each.** The first book is *Successful Missions Teams* by Martha VanCise; the second book will be announced at the Parents Meeting on January 5th. (Note: If you have gone on trips with us before and have already read *Successful Missions Teams*, you do not need to write a paper on it, simply skim it to reacquaint yourself with the topic, especially the parts on international travel.)
5. **Be able to share the Gospel** clearly and simply.
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 3 people** before the trip.
8. Have attended **Dare2Share or Lead the Cause** at least once within the last 2 years (or, have participated in a Harvest Youth missions trip previously). If you have not been trained to share your faith you can still apply but we will need to get you trained before the trip. 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, Sunday School, and/or Small Groups. 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!

What are the training and other important dates? All meetings will follow Sunday School in the Youth Center at 12:00 noon unless otherwise stated. Lunch will not be provided at the parents meeting. We will try and keep the parents meeting short.

1. **January 5th** at 12:05pm. Short parents meeting in the Youth Center. Application and deposit (\$100) is due. If you can not pay the whole \$100 it's ok. Please just put down what you can. Apply for your passport as soon as possible. Start Raising Support!
2. **January 26th.** Intro to the trip! Training! All reference forms are due! Another \$100 is due. We will be training on how to host a "Missions Night". Paper on Brazil is due. We will start to prep for the School Assembly Program that we are doing.
3. **February 9th.** A list of who you have sent support letters too is due. Remember, we need at least 40 names. A printed copy of your testimony is due (we will be forwarding these to the missionaries), one page paper on *Successful Missions Teams*. We continue to plan our School Assembly program. Passport Party! Everyone should have their passport by now! Please bring you passport. We will make copies and purchase our airline tickets soon.
4. **March 1st. Randy Richner, our Brazilian missionary will be here at Harvest** for Harvest's Missions Celebration. So, we get to have a meeting with Randy! He will give us first-hand information and training for our trip. Continue training and planning School Assembly Program. The Second Book report is due. **We hope that everyone can have their first \$1000 raised by late February or early March so we can purchase airline tickets in early March.**
5. **March 29th.** Continue training and planning programs. You need to prove that you can share the GOSPEL clearly and also recite the Romans Road verses.
6. **April 26th. Final rundown of school program.** Final meeting to shore up any loose ends! All responsibilities should be completely done by this meeting.
7. **May 17th.** Last minute instructions. Rehearse school program to be sure it's still sharp. All elements need to be ready to go at any time we might need them. **Make sure all assignments are completed on schedule. If they are not completed you will not go on the trip.**

Health Concerns

We will be purchasing international travelers insurance on behalf of each person on the trip. We take the health of your student very seriously. Please let us know about any allergies or limitations your student may have so we can care for them as if they were our own child. We will distribute CDC recommendations for immunizations and medications by the January 26th meeting. Please visit your doctor before the trip!



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