

# Abiding with Him in Brazil May 2007

A sincere thanks to all who were praying for us. Alex, the kids and I had a wonderful time seeking the Lord. It was a bit rocky slowing down and discovering our family and what it truly means to spend quality time together, just because we had so much time and so little to do. We realized the importance of having a strong family foundation if we are to be used to reach out to others, so we came back with a similar mission as why we went and that is to build up the church; the Piagetti family church.

## *So when is the BIG MOVE?*

Well, God answered us in Titus 1:5. "For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you".

For now we truly believe we are to stay in "Crete" (Miami), and set the things in order which are lacking. We realized that spoke of our family foundation. We need to strengthen the Piagetti family church. And in the meantime, appoint elders in every city. The Holy Spirit clearly moved in this matter and showed us His power to accomplish His will without human efforts or strivings. How? We welcomed a missionary from Sao Paolo named Sergio, who has also been given a burden to plant churches in Fortaleza. (pic#5) Sergio, Pastor Robert and I spent time reading the Bible in the public square in Paracuru, the little fishing village about an hour outside of Fortaleza. (pic # 1,2,3) There, just by the testimony of reading God's Word in public, we were approached by people with a desire to do the same. About 6 people made a commitment in Paracuru to attend a weekly Bible Study, whenever it were to begin. During this time, I met Carlos, the owner of a surf school that I had seen on the internet based out of Fortaleza. And out of all the places, I meet him right in the center of Paracuru at my favorite bakery. We spoke and he and his wife are anxious to learn more about Christ and especially His Word of truth. They have offered their surf school post right on the beach, in the heart of Fortaleza's hotel district not to mention in the middle of all the child prostitution and drug abuse, as the sight for a second bible study. (pic#4)



# Moura Brasil - the slum

On the day Sergio and Pastor Robert were leaving, Sergio and I dropped Pastor Robert at the airport and went to visit Carlos. There we met Wagner. Wagner is a guy who runs a make shift youth center in one of the slums of Fortaleza. He takes about 80 kids off the streets and onto the beach and teaches them to surf. I told him that was all well and good, but the only true intervention from the lure of drugs and the street, is Jesus Christ. He invited me to the slum to check out the youth center and asked if we could start a bible study there as well. Wagner was so impressed by our willingness to assist him and of our testimonies of Jesus' love that he accepted Christ as his Savior two days later. WOW! Bible study number three! ~ God is Amazing! From a family vacation to a mission trip that has begun 3 bible studies. Only the Holy Spirit can do those kind of miracles. The people of Fortaleza are hungry for The Truth. They want to know who Jesus really is and they want Him ...NOW!



## Endless Possibilities

I still can't seem to understand how gracious God is to allow me to experience first hand the way His Spirit moves. God has a plan that is slowly unfolding. Churches? Orphanage? Farm? Missionary Base? Endless and eternal with God.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For Sergio to prepare to move from Sao Paolo to Paracuru.
2. For the hearts of the people at the three bible study sites.
3. For guidance on purchasing land. 67 acres (shown below).
4. For the next trip in Aug. And those willing to go.

