



Mission News

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Mission Aid Brazil – Cloverdale

PUCKS 4 PROFIT ANNUAL CHARITY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



Pucks 4 Profit is a charity hockey tournament that takes place in the Fraser Valley of BC, raising funds for a variety of different charitable causes. This tournament was started in 2008 with six teams and it has since grown to twelve teams from BC and Alberta. The 2011 tournament was held for

Mission Aid Brazil, with the money specifically earmarked for the addition of a Sportsplex to the Escola Biblica Crista (EBC) in Sao Jose/Maragogi. This sportsplex is needed since EBC is adding high school grades, and such a facility is required. It will also be a multi-purpose area, capable of holding larger crowds, membership meetings, workshops, seminars, etc.

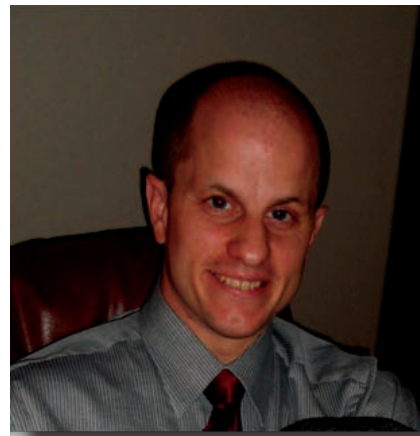
The very well-run hockey tournament recently took place on the Victoria Day long weekend in Abbotsford, BC. At time of writing, it is not certain what the final figure will be, but the amount raised for the new Sportsplex at Escola Biblica Crista should be around \$9,000.00! That is amazing, and the school in Brazil will put these funds to good use!



Pictured here is the information booth set up by Mission Aid Brazil.

Our committee is very thankful for the fine efforts, hard work and energy put into this venture by Len Stam, Tim Stikma and the rest of the organizers. Thanks also goes to all the hockey players of the twelve teams, together with their families, who took time out of their holiday weekend to support this cause.

THIRD ANNUAL REFORMED TEACHERS SYMPOSIUM



The annual teacher workshop, organized by Mission Aid Brazil will be held in Sao Jose at the Escola Biblica Crista (EBC) from July 12-16, 2011. Kent Dykstra will be the invited guest speaker. He is the current principal of the William of Orange School in Cloverdale, BC.

He will speak on practical topics such as:

- *Kingdom Living in the Classroom*
- *Planning for Understanding*
- *Reflections*

These will include:

- How to use your technical and written resources well.
- How to implement new teaching methods.
- How to get the students more involved in the classroom and yet maintain order.
- How to plan a class – the before, during and after of a class.

Pastor Thyago Lins, the Brazilian outreach pastor, as well as Wieke Sikema, a teacher in Unai, are also scheduled to do presentations during the workshop. The Reformed Teachers Symposium attracts about forty-five teachers from all over Brazil: Cabo Frio (near Rio de Janeiro), Unai (the Dutch colony), Maceio (the Hamilton supported mission area), Esperanca (a new church plant two hours drive from Recife), Sao Jose, and Recife. It is wonderful time of learning, sharing, supporting, and growing for the teachers of these various schools.

PRODUCTION OF A CD

There are plans to produce a CD around the time of the Teacher Workshop. This will be used to raise funds for the gym at EBC. Parents, students, and staff are all getting involved in this endeavor. At a recent Mothers Day celebration attended by about 130 EBC mothers, it was discovered that some of the women have lovely singing voices, so they will also be contributing their talents to this CD. Lazaro, the music teacher at EBC, is making sure that the students can play recorder for several of the songs. "It is quite an honor to know that many brothers and sisters

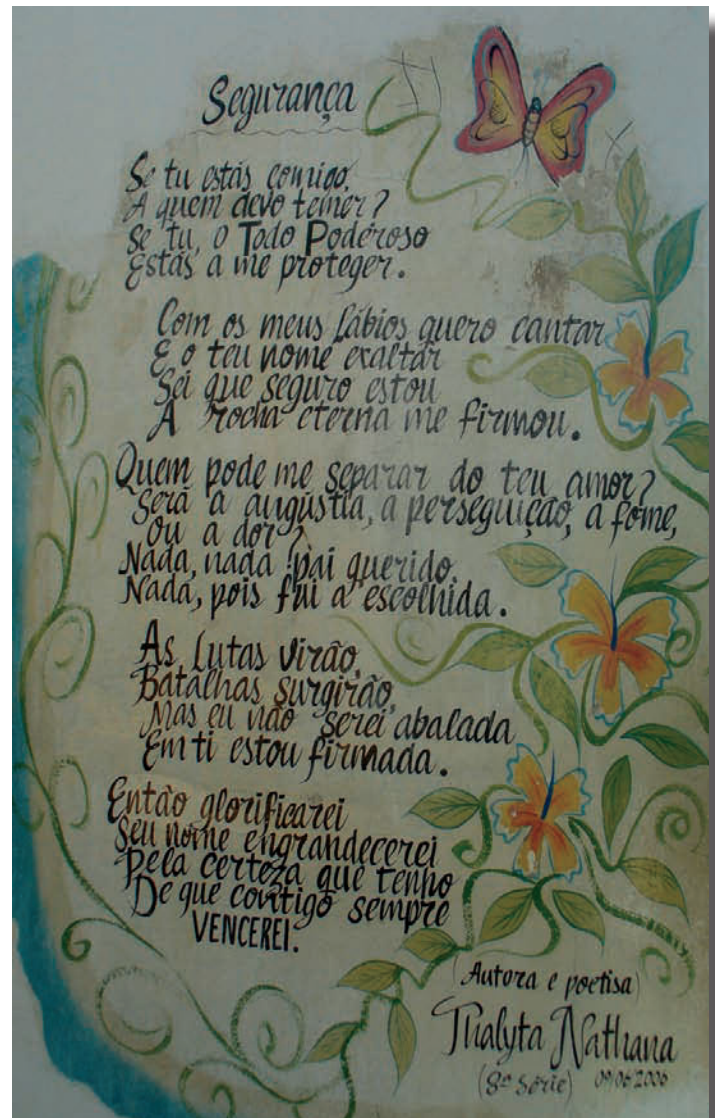
in the supporting churches may soon be listening to our voices here in Brazil" said Lazaro. Kent Dykstra will be helping with this production as well, with his musical talents as well as with his musical knowledge since he himself is a musician of high repute.

Early in the fall of 2011, Mission Aid Brazil plans to place a CD into each one of the some 3,000 mail slots in the churches of western Canada, suggesting a \$20.00. It will be offered to the churches in eastern Canada as well, for the purpose of helping the school they support in Maceio.

Keep your eyes open for this CD!

Security

If you are with me
Of whom shall I be afraid?
If you, O All Powerful
Will protect me.
With my lips I want to sing
And exalt your name.
I know I am secure
The Eternal Rock has promised it.
Who will separate me from your love?
Will it be anguish, persecution or hunger
or pain?
Nothing, nothing dear Father
Nothing, for I was chosen.
The battles will come,
Battles will arise,
But I will not be shaken
In you I stand firm.
Then I will glorify
And exalt your name
I have the certainty
That with you
I will always be
VICTORIOUS.



This poem is painted on the wall at Escola Biblica Crista.

Poem by Thalyta Nathana – a Grade 8 student (June 9, 2006)

Reformed Churches' Bible College PNG



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A NEW YEAR

The 2011 RCBC College year was opened on the 7th March with a time of worship to our heavenly Father who has made also the opening of this year possible. The principal Br. Van der Heide welcomed new and returning students and urged the students to work as to the Lord. Rev. Douma then led a devotion where he spoke about Proverbs 3:5-6; trusting in the Lord and not leaning on your own understanding. The representative for the board of Governors Br. Ben Marjen also spoke encouraging the students to look at godly examples of people in the Bible who were used of God.



The three new female students; from left Agustina, Carolyn and Esther (Aisi's sister from East Boroko).

After Rev. Versteeg closed in prayer for this upcoming college year we shared coffee and cake and a time of fellowship together.

WHO IS HERE?

This year in the Certificate program we have six new students so far; Agustina and Carolyn come to us from Rainbow- a settlement in town (formally from Nine Mile Church), Esther from East Boroko Church, Edwin a former student who has returned to complete his second year and Bona and Isidore from Veifa'a. We welcome them to the RCBC and wish them God's blessings in their studies this year. We are also excited to have two familiar faces attending some of the courses; Clothilde, wife of Isidore who is in the Diploma Program and Annie, wife of Jerry who is also in the Diploma program. And there may be more coming...

WHAT ARE THE COURSES?

In the Certificate program, along with the usual courses— Through the Word, Christian Doctrine and English, this block we are running a block course called Teaching Techniques where students learn the basics of teaching.



Bona practicing his teaching...



Introducing ...

Edwin has already attended one year at the college a number of years ago. Now he has come back to finish his studies with his wife Grace and daughter Tine (1 year old). Edwin comes from the village of Wasu near Madang. Here he is reading a book to some children in the Teaching Techniques class.



from the principal ...

Well the 2011 school year has started. We wish a very warm welcome to our new students. Bona and Isidore come to us from Veifa'a. Esther joins us from East Boroko. Agustina and Carolyn have come from Rainbow in Gerehu, though before that they were members of Nine Mile. And Edwin and his wife Grace have travelled all the way from Wasu in Morobe Province. We hope you settle into College routines quickly. May you grow in faith and love in the coming year.

We welcome the Diploma students back. They of course are not strangers to the College as they have already been with us for two years or more. We hope that you have come back refreshed and are ready for a busy year ahead. We pray that our Father will grant you the health and wisdom you need to study. Continue to rely on Him as you 'grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ' (2 Peter 3:18).

Growing in grace and knowledge. That is what this College is about. Each lecture, whether it be on Christian Doctrine, Missiology, Old Testament Exegesis or even Health or English is focused on helping the students to understand more about God, the world He has made and our place and task in that world.

As we daily spend time in the Word we pray that God will fill us anew with wonder and amazement for the wonderful love and grace He has given to us in Jesus Christ. May this knowledge strengthen our faith, and equip us for service in His Kingdom.



The English class of 2011.

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Please pray for the students as we start a new year here at the Bible College. Pray that the students will have enthusiasm and energy for their studies.

Pray for the teachers as they develop courses (especially in the Diploma program) teach them and also mentor and encourage the students. Pray God will grant them wisdom and energy for all these tasks.

Prayer Points

Pray for harmony in the life here at the college. Having people from many different areas together in one place can make this difficult. Pray God will give us patience and grace as we get used to each other.

The Diploma Course

It is such a blessing to be able to welcome four new students into the Diploma Program, bringing our total number of student to seven!! Brs. **Joel** and **Jerry** from Lae and Brs. **Isidore** and **Anthony** from Veifa'a are continuing their studies and joining the other hard workers in the Diploma Program. We wish them all the best as they begin this program; we know it is hard work!!

