



February/March 2024

## South America Field Conference 2024

"...He Restoreth My Soul" was the theme for our conference, with participants from seven of the eleven SA countries where we have missionaries.



**Special guest speakers!** We were blessed by the ministry of **Chris and Dawn Phillips of Selah Biblical Counseling Ministry**. The Phillips served as BIMI missionaries for 20+ years in the Spanish world, making them uniquely equipped to minister to our missionaries. God worked in a wonderful way, using the messages, workshops and personal counseling to minister our missionaries. A big **Thank You** to all of those churches who helped support a family to go to the conference. We truly believe that conferences like this one is what will help to keep our missionaries in the battle, as they serve on the front lines to further the gospel.

**Amazon Connect Trips 2024!** The month of May kicks off a season of trips with our med-evangelism teams to the Amazon. On our first trip in May we will be taking a team of volunteers up the Amazon River to evangelize villages along the tributaries in Peru and Colombia, as we help our nationals with a new church plant. This year we will be ministering in five countries, which a part of the Amazon basin; Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Guyana and Peru. Where we will use medicine as a tool to plant churches.

**Pray For BIMI Amazon Connect Trips This Summer**  
Still time to sign up for a trip at <https://www.bimi.org/connect>

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We honored 3 missionaries  
for 50 years of service.



Having fun at the SA  
Field Conference!



Pray for the Med-Evangelism trips  
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Anaconda 30 feet long in the  
village of a new church plant.

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# NEWS FROM BRAZIL



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Pray for the construction on the new location for New Life Baptist Church in Guacuri!



Wedding ceremony of Erika and Matthew



Commissioning Service For Matthew and Erika, missionaries to Trinidad-



Great Commission full circle is to evangelize, baptize, disciple and send others to do likewise.

## **New Home For New Life Baptist Church in Guacuri!**

We planted this church in 2018 in a rented garage with a team from the Ingá church. Due to a lack of space, for the last three years the church has been meeting under a tent. You can imagine all of the challenges this presents with rainy season, noise and having to break down and set up the meeting space each service. God has allowed the church to save funds in the bank for the purchase of property. As we negotiate a purchase, we have an opportunity to move to this new strategic location. The church is in the process of installing a roof, flooring and two bathrooms to provide an adequate meeting place. As our partners can participate in three ways: **Pray for the move**, that the church would effectively reach more people in the community with the gospel. **Volunteer your skills** to help with the construction aspect of the project. **Offer a gift** towards the purchase of materials for the construction. Please help us see this project to completion.

## **New Life Baptist in Ingá Sends Out First Foreign Missionary!**

In March, we saw the Great Commission come full circle. Erika moved to our city in 2015 to study nursing at the university. Soon after her arrival she was invited to our church, where she accepted Christ, was baptized and began discipleship. As she grew in Christ, she became involved in our medical missions trips to the Amazon. Subsequently she surrendered her life to be a missionary and enrolled in our local Bible Institute. Matthew also became involved in a Amazon Connect trip, after graduating from Capitol City Baptist College in Austin, TX. Eventually the two met, began dating and this year were married. Last month the church commissioned them to return to Matt's homeland to plant churches in Trinidad. **To my knowledge, there are no longer any American missionaries in this needy country of 1.5 million.**

## **A Testimony Of God's Amazing Grace!**

In March, Seth baptized five new converts at the Ingá church. Among them was Alex, a man who had contacted me via email in August, stating that he was going to be visiting São Paulo and was looking for a church to attend. Alex was born in Brazil and raised until he was five years old, before his family emigrated to the US, where he has spent the majority of his life. Alex also works for an accounting firm, which allows him to work remotely from anywhere in the world. He gave testimony at his baptism that his intent was to travel to Brazil for two weeks to reconnect with his roots, but that God had other plans for his life. He not only reconnected with Brazil, but more importantly connected with Christ, began growing through discipleship and found a loving church family in Brazil that he did not know he had. God is working in Alex's life in an amazing way. Pray for him as he grows in grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

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