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We're happy to report another successful Share Christmas! Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to provide school supplies and Christmas gifts to children in Brazil and scholarships (including funds for uniforms and school supplies) for children in Thailand. All together 500 children were blessed by these gifts for Christmas 2015, and we will continue to provide school supplies and scholarships as needs arise throughout 2016.

A new outreach opportunity arose through Share Christmas this year! Pastor Ubiratan, who leads our church in Vila Planalto, Brazil, was approached by a family who had decided to forgo gifts for one another to instead use that money to provide for people in need. The community they decided to serve is called Vila Nazaré (Nazareth). Pastor Ubiratan was moved to partner with them and reported, "Upon seeing the situation of this community and those living there, I felt moved to do something to help them, so I decided to throw a Christmas party [for] the children." In addition to the funds provided by Living Bread, Ubiratan raised additional funds to be able to bless 77 children in Vila Nazaré!



(TOP) Our representative Jeff Kowatch distributes scholarships to children in Thailand. (BOTTOM) A child from Vila Nazaré is thrilled with his Christmas gift!

Global Partnerships

One of the most exciting parts of how Living Bread Ministries is growing is seeing how the international body of Christ is coming together in support of church planting among the poor. We now have short term missions teams serving with us who are not from here in the US!

Recently, in Porto Alegre, Brazil, where several of our church plants are located, we were joined by a missions team from Rio de Janeiro! They served in different communities where we have

church plants, visiting people in the neighborhood and holding a children's festival for the local kids.

In Thailand, a church from South Korea sent a short term missions team to serve along side our leadership team there, working on various building projects and programs for kids.

We're grateful for these new partnerships with churches around the world and are excited to see our vision for a global church planting movement taking shape!

Would you be willing to share about Living Bread Ministries in your area?

We're looking for **Regional Advocates** who can communicate our vision for the global poor within your sphere of influence. For more info or to schedule LBM to speak at your church, contact info@livingbread.org for more information.

Zika Impact

There have been 32 cases of confirmed Zika virus in the state of Rio Grande do Sul (where we are currently church planting). According to the Brazilian Department of Health, as of 2/13/16 there has only been one confirmed case of micro-encephalitis/cranial malformation suggestive of Zika infection.

None of our communities have reported any cases thus far. However, there have been 13 reported cases of dengue fever in the Vila Nova community alone. Both dengue fever and the Zika virus are transmitted via the bite of an Aedes mosquito. Slum communities are filled with garbage and debris in almost every corner. This, combined with inadequate plumbing and sewage, yields an atypically high mosquito population. Fortunately, as summer now fades into fall in the southern hemisphere, risk factors will be greatly reduced. In southern Brazil the cold weather moves in rather quickly, and the mosquitoes will no longer be a threat.




(TOP) The short term missions team from Rio pauses for a picture in a Porto Alegre neighborhood where they served. (BOTTOM) Members of the short term team from Korea work on a project in Thailand.


Upcoming Events

- February 22 - Speaking at Living Word Baptist Church's Missions Week, Forest, VA
- February 24 - March 3 - Patrick's Trip to Thailand
- April 17 - Speaking at Temple Baptist Church, Madison Heights, VA
- May 22 - Speaking at Eastpoint Community Church, Newark, DE
- May 24 - Connection Expo, Lynchburg, VA
- June 15-24- Bárbara & Aleah's Trip to Brazil

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Hubbard Family

When Patrick and Bárbara launched Living Bread Ministries almost 12 years ago, they felt the conviction to bear fruit before asking others to join their work. In the beginning they supported themselves through their personal savings and odd jobs, while also launching the work in Brazil.

Eventually, they began raising personal support toward a set goal of \$3,000 per month, while concurrently fundraising for the work in Brazil. After seven years they reached their personal support goal and have not sought to increase this funding since. However, as supporters' circumstances have changed over the past two years, personal support has dwindled. This problem is compacted as living expenses increase—including health insurance which is paid out of personal support.

This puts them in the difficult position of needing to raise an additional **\$1,500 per month** in personal support to cover the decrease in giving, as well as cost of living and health insurance increases. Would you please consider giving a monthly contribution or a special one-time gift? In doing so you join us in the important work of comprehensive church planting among the global poor. As a sender, you become a catalyst for church planting movements in Brazil, Thailand, Cambodia, and beyond.

Cost of Living Increase

It's no secret the global economy is struggling, and Brazil is no exception. In 2015 inflation hit 11% and shows no sign of improving in 2016. Imagine the impact it would have on you and your family if in one year all your living expenses increased by 11%. Of course, this places an even greater strain on the poor communities in which we minister.

It also places hardship upon all of our church planters who live and work in these communities. Our Brazilian church planters live very modestly. As a result of the economic problems in Brazil, their ability to provide for their families has been cut by 11%. It is our desire to provide them some relief and encouragement by providing a cost of living adjustment.

We need to raise **\$500 per month, or \$6,000 per year**, to help all our church planters in Brazil (\$500 total, not per church planter). Will you make a single or monthly gift to help bless these families who humbly serve in very hard places?



The Hubbard family has sacrificed over the years to make Living Bread possible. Would you contribute to their personal support?

Meet Kristen Hines!

We're glad our team is growing! Kristen Hines is serving as our social media intern this semester, and we're thrilled to have her on board! Originally from California, Kristen is a senior at Liberty University, graduating in May with an English major and a Journalism minor. She's planning to move to Washington D.C. to work in communications on Capitol Hill after marrying her high school sweetheart in June.



The LBM Story *By Aleah Marsden*

When Patrick and Bárbara Hubbard began to walk with the Lord, entering into a saving faith on the same day in 1999, they could not have envisioned the plans that the He would bring to pass. Living Bread Ministries wasn't even on the radar.

In the upcoming months, I'll be sharing the story of the Hubbards' journey over more than a decade of running LBM. I hope this series proves valuable to supporters, as well as anyone looking to partner with this amazing ministry. In June I'll be joining Bárbara for a trip to Porto Alegre, Brazil to gather stories firsthand of the work the Lord is doing among the poor through the local church.

I look forward to sharing this journey with you! Visit us at livingbread.org/blogsubscribe so you won't miss a post!

Prayer Highlights

New Global Partnerships
Church Planter Needed in Cabrobó
Financial Needs for Thailand and Brazil Ministries
Finances and Economy in Brazil
Office Space Needed for LBM Headquarters
Development Project in Thailand
Hubbards' Personal Support

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PLANTING CHURCHES AMONG THE GLOBAL POOR

Partnership with Local Government

The following is a report from our church plant in Capão da Canoa, Brazil from Pastor Lindomar (translated by Bárbara Hubbard). We're so thankful for the vision our pastors have for their ministries and communities and how they trust the Lord to provide--sometimes through incredible means!

In the year 2014 I met a young man by the name Vitório, who came to live in our home for some time. We learned that his mother worked with a project within the Children's Ministry (a ministry of the Catholic church).

Vitório shared with his mom that we had a soup ministry, and I was invited to come to their meetings and take home whatever was leftover [from what they received from the government] so we could use [it] for our soup and soccer ministries.

From this friendship came the idea that together with Dona Eliane (Vitório's mother) and his stepfather,

we could bring this fruits and vegetables distribution [provided by the local government] to our own church plant in Capão.

In 2015 we tried several ways, but lacked some of the official documentation required to receive the [government-sponsored] donations. This caused Dona Eliane to seek other sources, and me (Lindomar) to rest in the Lord. I thought that we were not going to be able to distribute these products at our church, so I prayed and rested in Him.

In November 2015 I ran into Dona Eliane in downtown Capão, and she told me that the project she worked with would begin receiving the fruits and vegetables in January and that the City Hall had accepted our application to distribute the much needed food: January 14, 2016 would be our first distribution.

Two trucks loaded with fruits and vegetables arrived at our church plant

along with all the supplies for organizing the distribution. We registered 116 families who will be receiving the fruits and vegetables every 15 days. During the other 15 days we will be doing Bible studies and workshops with these families. -Lindomar



This child is glad to be part of the feeding ministry at our church plant in Capão that is benefiting from partnership with the town's government.