



THE FREIRE FAMILY

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HIGHLIGHTS

PODCAST

BENNE



We welcomed our brother and songwriter Benne for a very special conversation on our podcast.

WORKSHOP

PRAZERES



Our students led a workshop on music education for children, designed for children's ministry leaders and teachers.

CANTARES

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



We've begun preparing for our special Christmas musical!

CAMPAIGN

NATAL-RN



Ten days of evangelistic outreach in Natal, the capital of Rio Grande do Norte, brought many stories to share and celebrate.

INTERNSHIPS

STUDENTS IN ACTION



Our students are now serving in their respective ministry placements and have hit the ground running!



CANTARES

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL, MINISTRY, AND ENCOURAGEMENT



Cantares has begun preparing for this year's very special Christmas musical, which will feature four performances. Titled *Jesus Was Born to Die*, the musical will tell the story of the Child who came into the world to save humanity. Our program includes nine songs and a brief evangelistic message.

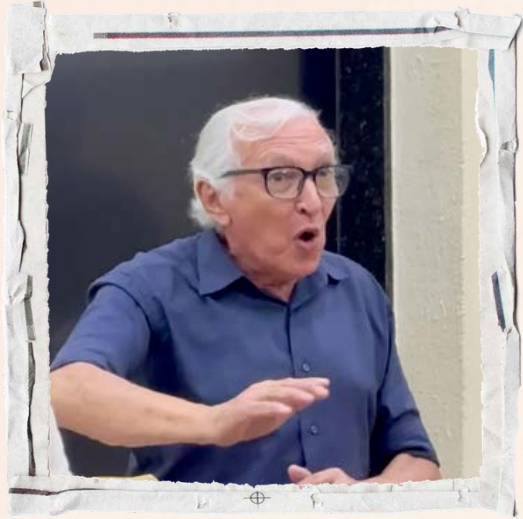
Two of the performances will take place at LAR MANÁ, a home for children connected with the Church of Christ in Recife, and at a nursing home. Both performances will be accompanied by a community outreach effort to collect nonperishable food items for these institutions.

We'll also hold a traveling musical presentation on the streets, sharing the message of the gospel, praying with people, and inviting them to our final performance, which will take place at the Church of Christ building in Boa Vista.

Visiting and Encouraging the Amadeus Family

Just one day after the burial of his aunt, our brother Filipe was involved in a serious accident and needed emergency surgery on his ankle. During this painful and frightening time, Cantares visited the Amadeus family to offer comfort, encouragement, and brotherly love.

PODCAST WITH BENNE



Our brother Benne was among the first people converted to Christ in Recife back in the 1980s. He spent much of his professional life working as a radio broadcaster and has always been deeply involved in music. Over the years, he has composed nearly 100 hymns, most of which are sung by Churches of Christ throughout northeastern Brazil and in other parts of the country.

Our students Jórdian and Letícia interviewed him so he could share some of his story and talk about his compositions.

Recently, Cantares was given access to Benne's personal archive of his original compositions. Our goal is to arrange these hymns for vocal harmony, record them, and release them on streaming platforms so they can continue to edify the church while preserving and honoring the legacy of this precious and talented brother.

You can watch the interview on our YouTube channel!



CHILDREN'S MUSIC

EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Our students Letícia and Amanda served as presenters at a workshop on music education for children, organized by the Church of Christ in Prazeres. This is the same congregation where our student Bruno Godoy served during his internship last year.

The workshop was designed for leaders and teachers serving in children's Bible classes, with the goal of equipping them for ministry and helping restore the use of music as an important part of biblical education for children.

Letícia and Amanda prepared a digital resource featuring 100 children's songs, complete with lyrics and audio recordings. The songs were organized by theme and Bible story. This resource was distributed free of charge to all participants. In total, ten sisters representing five different congregations in the greater Recife area took part in the training. We're thankful to see our students using what they've learned to equip others and strengthen local congregations!



EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

IN NATAL, RIO GRANDE DO NORTE

ARCA students, together with residential and intensive-week students from EBNESR, participated in a ten-day evangelistic campaign in Natal. This campaign marked the conclusion of the first phase of ARCA's training calendar.

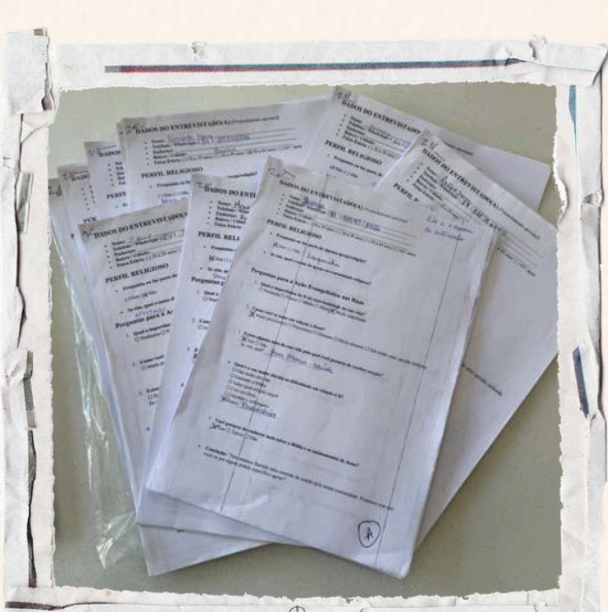
From September 18–27, the team worked to strengthen the established congregation in the southern part of the city and help launch a new outreach effort in the northern part of Natal. In addition to my coordination, we were joined by Professor Paulo Cesar and partnered with local evangelists Helder Sales, who was trained by EBNESR, and Bruno Godoy, who completed his training at ARCA and now serves the church in Natal alongside his family.

Throughout the campaign, our team visited streets and homes, conducted religious surveys to build connections with the community, offered to pray with people, presented a cappella music in four-part harmony, and helped with local Bible studies.

One particularly encouraging example was a woman we met during the campaign. She organized her neighbors and invited us to lead an outdoor Bible study right in front of her home, opening the door for the gospel to reach dozens of people in that community.

As a result of these combined efforts, the team gathered 240 contacts from people interested in studying the Bible. Three visitors who came through the campaign joined us for worship, and nine additional people began personal Bible studies.

For our students and ministry workers, this hands-on experience was deeply enriching, giving them the opportunity to put the gospel into practice. Initiatives like this are possible because of the faithful support of those who walk alongside us in this mission. We're incredibly grateful for every prayer and every contribution, which are essential to equipping new generations to carry the message of Christ to so many people throughout northeastern Brazil.





In addition to the productive days spent reaching out in the streets and public squares of Natal, we also participated in the presentation of certificates to ten students who completed a basic theology course through the Bible School. We conducted three additional training sessions for the local congregation and taught the church two songs arranged in parts. The congregation sang these songs during our final worship service together. Both Sunday worship services were led entirely by our team, which encouraged and edified the local church family. What a blessing it was to serve alongside these brothers and sisters!



SERVING

LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Our team continues to serve congregations throughout greater Recife in a variety of areas of church life. One recent highlight was a major Family Day gathering that brought together hundreds of brothers and sisters from the greater Recife area, as well as from the interior regions of Pernambuco, Paraíba, and Alagoas. It was a wonderful celebration of God's family and the fellowship we share in Christ.



INTERNSHIPS

OUR STUDENTS IN ACTION

As we mentioned in our last report, our students have now been assigned to their internship locations and have begun serving in their respective ministries. Letícia was sent to Curitiba, where she will work with the children's ministry. She'll help train and support the teaching team and provide music education for the children in a ministry that currently serves around 50 children and preteens. Amanda is serving in Pelotas, in southern Brazil, where her primary focus will be music education for the entire congregation. Jórdian is serving in Manaus, in the heart of the Amazon region in northern Brazil. He'll be training existing worship leaders and helping identify and develop new leaders, with a special focus on young people. We're excited to see our students taking what they've learned at ARCA and putting it into practice in local congregations. Please keep them, their host congregations, and the people they serve in your prayers as they grow in their skills and prepare for a lifetime of service to the Lord.



CONNECTIONS

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Every two years, a team of brothers and sisters organizes a special gathering to care for missionaries serving in the field. The event brings together ministry workers from several countries working throughout South America, including Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, and, of course, Brazil. Called Connections, the event focuses on helping us reconnect with God, with one another, and with ourselves through spiritual, emotional, and physical care.

Held in São Paulo during the first week of October, it was a refreshing and much-needed week for everyone who attended. We're grateful for opportunities like this that remind those serving in the mission field that they, too, need encouragement, rest, and care from their brothers and sisters in Christ.



PHILIPPIANS

1:3-6 | NIV

³ I thank my God every time I remember you.

⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy

⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will
carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.



THANK YOU

The Freire Family