

NEWSLETTER, AGO 2026

The Freire Family

⁹ LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.

GALATIANS 6:9



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AcampaTeen



Like every July, we had the privilege of serving at our annual teen camp. This year's theme was "Christ's Team," based on 1 Peter 2, using the excitement surrounding the World Cup to challenge teenagers to consider what it truly means to belong to Christ.

I served as one of the speakers, led all of the worship throughout the weekend, and once again had the privilege of serving as camp chaplain. Those personal conversations with students are always one of the most meaningful parts of the camp.

Many teenagers opened their hearts about struggles with sin, questions about baptism, family relationships, and their desire to grow closer to Christ. One unexpected challenge came when two campers learned that their grandfather had passed away during the weekend. We were able to walk alongside them, pray with them, and help them begin processing their grief while surrounded by their church family.

God blessed us with 87 teenagers who spent the weekend learning God's Word, worshiping together, building friendships, and growing spiritually through lessons, devotionals, small-group discussions, games, and evening activities.

⁹ BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, GOD'S SPECIAL POSSESSION...

1 PETER 2:9



Cantares Outreach



One of our favorite Saturdays this month was spent sharing Christ through music.

Our outreach began in Vila Palmares, a very humble community where a faithful congregation of just over fifteen Christians continues serving the Lord. We spent time encouraging both the church and the community by singing a cappella hymns and sharing short devotional thoughts connected to each song.

Later that afternoon we traveled to one of Recife's busiest public squares. There we approached people simply asking if they would allow us to pray for them and sing a song of encouragement.

Several Christians from different congregations joined us, making it possible to continue conversations long after the singing ended. Many people shared personal burdens with us, and we had the opportunity to tell them about Christ, introduce them to His church, and invite them to study the Bible. We came home with several new contacts.

Please pray that these conversations will grow into Bible studies and, Lord willing, new brothers and sisters in Christ.



Cantares Outreach

²⁶ SUDDENLY THERE WAS SUCH A VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE THAT THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE PRISON WERE SHAKEN....

ACTS 16:26



Serving Our Local Congregation

During July, our congregation focused on biblical generosity. I had the opportunity to preach one of the lessons, encouraging our church family to trust God completely as we give back to Him. Another exciting blessing came when our elders invited me to coordinate the congregation's worship ministry. This is a responsibility I receive with gratitude and humility. Please pray that I will lead in a way that always points people toward Christ, strengthens the church, and honors God above everything else.



⁷ I BECAME A SERVANT OF THIS GOSPEL BY THE GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE GIVEN ME THROUGH THE WORKING OF HIS POWER.

EPHESIANS 3:7

Future Ministers

One of the highlights of every year is our Future Ministers Camp, held on the campus of EBNESR Preaching School.

Nineteen young men, ages 12–18, traveled from nine cities in three different states to spend several days preparing for future ministry. The goal is simple: equip the next generation to serve the church.

Students learn how to prepare communion and offering devotionals, preach sermons, teach Bible classes, and serve confidently within the local congregation. Every lesson is paired with practical experience, including visits to congregations, evangelistic outreach, praying with people door-to-door, and collecting contacts for future Bible studies. Of course, camp is also filled with fun. This year we enjoyed a Bible Bowl competition, sports, fellowship, and many opportunities to build lifelong Christian friendships. The greatest blessing came at the end of the week. Three young men were baptized into Christ.

Please join us in praying for Brendon, Mateus, and Enzo as they begin their new lives in Christ.

There is no greater joy than seeing young people surrender their lives to Jesus.



Future Ministers

¹² ...BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12



ARCA Training

¹⁴ ...YOU ARE STRONG, AND THE WORD OF GOD LIVES IN YOU,...

1 JOHN 2:14

Our ARCA students have entered their final academic quarter before leaving for internships in October.

This semester has been especially exciting.

Brother Salvador de Souza, author of **The History of Christian Music in Brazil**, joined us to teach that course.

We also launched a brand-new class taught by our brother Jonathan Carlos, who serves as EBNESR's graphic designer. He equipped our students with practical skills in visual communication, presentation design, and social media so they can better serve their congregations and communicate the Gospel effectively. Two additional courses: **Conflict Resolution** and **Whom Do We Worship?**, are helping students develop both practical ministry skills and a deeper understanding of God's character and His worthiness to receive all worship.



Internships & ARCA 2027

Internship season is quickly approaching.

Although we initially received twelve requests from congregations hoping to host an intern, after several conversations and planning meetings we currently have five congregations moving forward.

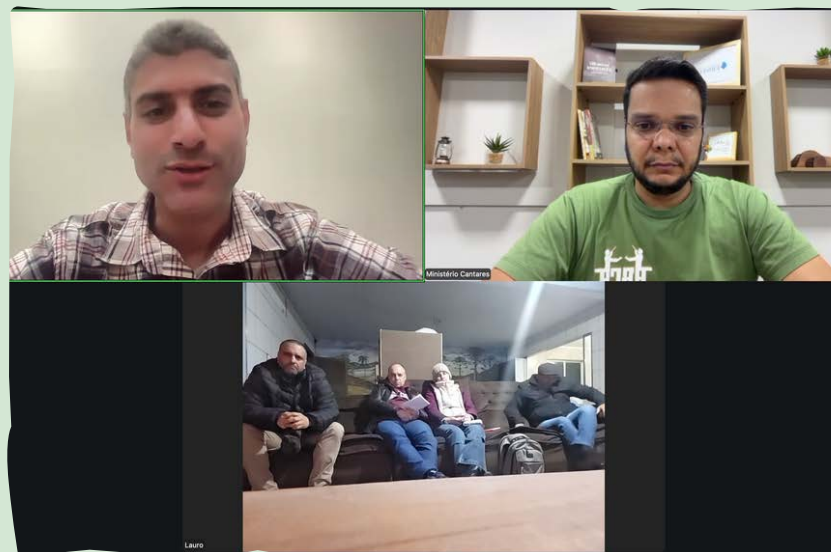
These opportunities stretch across Brazil from Manaus in the north, to Recife, where EBNESR is located, and into southern Brazil with congregations in Curitiba and Pelotas.

At the same time, we are in the second phase of selecting next year's ARCA class. We received nine applications for seven available positions, and we are praying carefully through every decision. Please pray with us that God will lead us to the students He is preparing for this ministry.



8 ..."WHOM SHALL I SEND? AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?"...

ISAIAH 6:8



We're excited to share that on July 20 we released our newest recording:

Holy Forever – Part A

The album was recorded entirely by the students of the ARCA Class of 2026, and it is now available on all major streaming platforms. It has been a joy to watch these students grow not only musically, but spiritually as they learn to use their gifts for God's glory.



NEW ALBUM RELEASED!

Apple Music



Spotify



Deezer Music



Youtube Music





On July 18, I had the opportunity to teach an intensive seminar at EBNESR titled "**The History of Worship.**"

Twenty students, church members, and visitors attended the class, and together we explored how God has revealed throughout Scripture the worship that pleases Him. Teaching God's Word continues to be one of the greatest privileges of our ministry.



²⁴ GOD IS SPIRIT, AND HIS WORSHIPERS MUST WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH."

JOHN 4:24

Looking Back... and Looking Ahead

As we reflect on everything God allowed us to experience this month, one word keeps coming to mind: **Gratitude**.

We are seeing God answer prayers in ways we never expected. Some of the seeds we believed would take years to produce fruit are already beginning to grow. Lives are being changed. Young people are preparing for ministry. Congregations are being strengthened. People are hearing the Gospel. New Bible studies are beginning. And through all of it, we are constantly reminded that none of this belongs to us.

It belongs to God. Thank you for praying. Thank you for encouraging us.

Thank you for giving so faithfully. Your partnership is reaching far beyond what you can see, and we believe the Lord still has wonderful things ahead.

Please continue praying that we will remain faithful servants, always seeking to glorify Christ and build up His church.

To God be all the glory!



⁸ FIRST, I THANK MY GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST FOR ALL OF YOU,...

ROMANS 1:8