

When we first went to Brazil in 1969, we settled in Campo Maurao, Parana. It is in southern Brazil about 2 hours from the Argentine border. Our first look was shocking for us fresh from America kids. The dirt is crazy red, staining everything it blows into and touches. **(red dirt of Campo Maurao)**



The asphalt for the country of Brazil ended where our town began. Literally there was no more, just dirt roads, south to Argentina and Paraguay. We thought that this was truly the end of civilization.

Our parents had gone to Campo Maurao to work with other missionaries who were building a Bible school called Agape. The land needed to be cleared and my father brought the first chain saw that the Brazilians had ever seen. The jungle was so deep that they tied a rope around my brother when he was cutting the jungle. This way he could be pulled out because the jungle was so thick he could not find his way back. I do not have any pictures of those days, I'm sure my mom asked if I wanted some and I, in my stubborn and wise youth, said no. I do remember going to the coffee plantations and having service in the mud. Flying with another missionary in his plane and dropping Christian pamphlets out the window. Watching the cowboys come into town in horse buggies to buy supplies. Watching the church my dad built burned down because they did not like our brand

of Christianity. Seeing people come out of the jungles just to listen to my mom and dad sing.



(Bill & Josephine Hart's 1st campaign)

Then coming down to be prayed for and change their lives forever. These were scary and wondrous times for Brazilian Children's Outreach and the journey had just begun.

We are planning several trips to Brazil this year and taking a variety of people to minister. This month we leave with Pastor Carla Ives from Shepard Michigan. She and her husband have been pastors for 20 years, but Carla also travels all over the world and teaching and equipping pastors, teachers and other leaders how to minister, heal and restore families and churches. We will be ministering at several churches and schools. Keep us in our prayers.

We have several constructions projects that should be completed soon. The 2nd floor of the church in Cipo is going well, but Mother Nature has not been kind to us. **(Lots of work to be done)**



It has rained practically every day making progress slow. **(Working Hard)**



In between rain drops they work furiously and hopefully we can soon put a completed sign on this one. **(That's a lot of roof tiles)**



We have several new requests from different people and groups and are checking them to see what God wants in these cases. We can't do them all and we have to be prudent with the resources God has given us, but God guides where we should go.

One project we have taken on is helping Diego & his family build their house. He had many battles with drugs, using and selling. He became one of the largest dealers in the area and caused many problems with the police. The police actually put a bounty on his life and were actively pursuing him with the intent of killing him, no arrest, no trial, just shoot on site; he could not go back to his neighborhood. One day he was drawn into the Cipo church and miraculously his life was changed forever. The pastor, Jose, took him into his own house to live;. He lived with pastor and his wife Demaris for 2 years; he became one of the deacons

of the church, and then he meet Jessica, his future wife.

At 35 he not only married Jessica he was blessed with 3 kids, Mauelle Souza, 9 years, Maria Luiza 7 and Joao Pedro 5. **(Diego and Family)**



I do not think he thought raising a family would bring so many challenges, but he has faced them head on. Now he and Jessica are expecting a baby girl, Heloise. He works, he's a barber, but the things are really tough. Joao has been diagnosed with Autism and his therapy is too costly for them.



They want to build a house so they will not have to pay rent anymore and be able to afford therapy for Joao. He has purchased the property and we have purchased the material and construction will start soon, his family and he will do the labor. We are just praying that the rain stops and we can get this family into a dry and safe place. God blessed them by bringing them together and now they have another blessing. Thank God for His provision.

