

LEHRMANS' LATEST....

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GROWING BELIEVERS

In our ministry, we always seek to see the growth of godliness in our believers; those who are really sold out for the Lord. **Mayele** is a young lady, age 16, from our church in Sambaiba. She made a profession of faith and did a discipleship class with Patrice at around age 10. In recent years she strayed very far from the Lord, being involved in almost anything imaginable in the world. Just before Christmas of 2010, she and her 9-year-old brother came to live with their married brother, Miqueias, who is a leader in our church. Their mother, who is separated from their dad, basically abandoned these two children so she could live her own worldly lifestyle. As Mayele saw her mother, who in the past had been a faithful servant of God, turn from the Lord, she "*came to herself*"—like the prodigal son in Luke 15—and realized if she didn't let God straighten out her life, she would end up exactly like her mother!

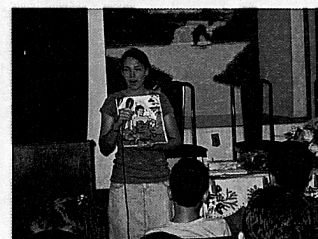
The transformation in Mayele—her glowing, smiling face, her friendliness, even her change to modest clothing—is incredible, and something none of us forced on her. Jerry disciples her after Sunday School, and her desire is to reach her classmates and her parents for the Lord, to disciple her younger brother with the same lessons she is learning, and to study at ABI when she finishes high school! PRAY for Mayele—as she faces many temptations in her school and in her neighborhood; that she will stay strong and true to the Lord, and that He will use her greatly to reach others for Him.

ANTIOCH BIBLE INSTITUTE is now in full swing—after an invigorating 24-hour orientation retreat at Silver Lake Bible Camp. Classes began January 31, with a week-long challenging modular class on **Hermeneutics** taught by fellow missionary, Roger Johansen. Now everyone will settle into a normal weekly schedule of classes for February; then in March modular classes will be back again! So, school usually isn't monotonous for the students.

We praise the Lord for the excellent students we have at ABI. At the last moment, we were able to welcome a new enthusiastic young couple, **Gleiciano and Rosangela**, who have thought much about studying here but almost didn't make it in time for this semester of classes! Pray for their adjustment, and that God will build into their lives the qualities to make them great servants for Him.

In January **Melissa** was privileged to be a part of a Missions Team, made up of 13 BGFM missionary kids, ages 14 and up. They taught two *Five-Day Clubs* during the week of January 3-10, helping in the ministry of a small church in Fortaleza. These kids have "grown up together" in the sense that we in BGFM are like a "family."

It was wonderful for them to be involved in ministry together as a group; not just being together as kids in VBS, but working together for the Lord in the mission field in which their parents are!



Melissa teaching

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

* OUR DAILY WALK WITH THE LORD

* JERRY AS HE DIRECTS THE ANTIOCH BIBLE INSTITUTE

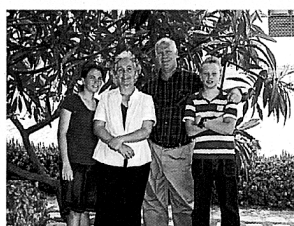
* MAYELE TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE LORD

* PATRICE AND ANGIE STUDYING AT CORNERSTONE

Thanks so much for your prayers for our ministry here in Northeast Brazil!

Pray for our two youngest children, Melissa, grade 12, and Jared, grade 6, as they persevere in their studies this semester. Thank the Lord with us for the way He is blessing Patrice and Angie in their studies and ministries at Cornerstone Bible Institute; pray that He will give wisdom and direction in their

lives, especially for the coming summer vacation months of 2011.



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Saturday February 5th, we helped teach a *CHILDREN IN ACTION* seminar for children, ages 9-13, training them to share the Gospel, using Child Evangelism Fellowship's (of Brazil) simple methods! There were 23 kids who completed the day's course. Pray that God will raise up workers for His Harvest from among these young lives!