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Ramiro and Claudia Martinez have been serving Latin America through their home base in Mexico since 2001. They develop leaders through the International Leadership Institute (Iiteam.org), Xplore and Go Mobilize (vianations.org), Global Focus Ministry (enfoqueglobal.org), and Latin America Coming Together (comibam.org). These tools are enabling them to help the Latin American church strategically participate in God's mission locally and globally. The Martinezes travel more often than not, all over Mexico and Latin America. We strongly recommend following Ramiro's posts on Facebook (see graphic), as he gives great updates! The Martinezes have asked for prayer for their health and security (specially while traveling), and for future spouses for three grown-up children (one of whom is now also serving with World Renewal- Paola Martinez!). Some prayer requests they have are for open doors to begin and consolidate leadership training teams in Chile, Argentina and Uruguay, God's grace to mobilize churches and pastors in Mexico and Central America, God's wisdom and guidance to develop the position of Associate Director of Mobilization in COMIBAM, and for scholarships for pastors and leaders to be trained.



Ramiro Martinez, headquartered in Mexico, but serving all over Latin America, shares: "In December 2024 we did a leadership training in Buenos Aires, Argentina (one of the strategic countries they are building multiplication teams in). The group was not as large as we would have liked but it was a great time. One of the attendees was brother Daniel, who is part of an international network of pastors working in the area of mentoring and counseling. Daniel was so impressed by the material. God touched his heart during that training. Now he will be sharing the material to be able to train other leaders who in turn can multiply with many more pastors." When asked the best way to help the Martinezes train up leaders in Latin America, their response is always the same: scholarships. In 2025, they are working to help 100 pastors with \$50 scholarships. Many pastors and leaders are not able to come to trainings because of the cost. Would you like to provide a scholarship?



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The Santos Family in Brazil



You Tube World Renewal (Brazil & Brazil Missionaries playlist)

f Thais Santos

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The Santos family is one of our newer missionary partners with World Renewal Brazil. Kervin gave his life to the Lord through Glory Sports ministries. He was one of the kids running around the church in Carpina, playing soccer and basketball and any activity he could. He was embraced by his local church, disciplined, and began serving with Glory Sports, IMPACT ministry, and at the International School. He and his wife, Thais, also involved with sports and teaching at the school, grew together through their love for the Lord. They were married and now their lovely daughter Melissa is in the nursery at the International School. The Santos family is part of the next generation of passionate leaders who are reaching their world for Christ in Brazil: would you partner with them?



IMPACT Outreach in Brazil

Kervin Santos, World Renewal Brazil missionary, shares about the January 6-19 IMPACT Outreach: "We have concluded another evangelistic impact and, to the glory of God, despite the difficulties, the gospel was preached! As a result of the IMPACT Outreach, 11 people made the decision to follow Christ and 20 families asked for follow-up by the local church in the community. We thank everyone who supported us in prayer and ask that you continue to intercede for us, that God would continue to give us the desire to serve Him. May God continue to greatly bless each one of you!"



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The Mendez Family in Nicaragua

You Tube World Renewal (Nicaragua playlist)

f Melvin Mendez
Paola Pederson De Méndez

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The Mendez family serves in Nicaragua through International Leadership Institute (ILI), where Pastor Melvin is the National Coordinator. They partnered with World Renewal in 2024, as they engage in cross-cultural missions' mobilization, evangelism, discipleship training, and church planting. His wife Paola also teaches, and leads a large local ladies' group. They have three children: Melvin Jr is in medical school, Joseph is in high school, and Melany is in grade school. Melvin shares, "In strategic alliance, 48 training events were held in 2024 and as a result of this training and mentoring process, 955 leaders graduated. In the first quarter we will carry out 20 training events to train leaders of leaders and thus accelerate the spread of the gospel in their churches and communities. We have already held our first event on strategic alliances, training 32 from 11 different church denominations." Please pray for resources to work with other churches and denominations, and outreaches to remote communities. The Mendez family is currently only 40% funded. Their oldest is in medical school, adding to their financial needs.

Leadership Development in Nicaragua



Melvin Mendez, church planter and ILI (International Leadership Institute) coordinator in Nicaragua, shares a story of one of those trained through their ministry: "I am Jason Pineda, pastor and youth leader. I had the opportunity to participate in the History Maker Journey in November 2024, and I was able to see how ILI training can provoke an awakening and activation in youth leaders. I was able to refresh the vision that God had already given to my life and also start new projects, obtaining more training in an intentional and effective way from our ILI brother Melvin. Because discipleship is not just lessons that are taught, but rather it is a family that provides counseling, mentoring, and friendship to all who wish to learn and teach, as well as being a blessing to all those who need a church ready for this time that the Lord gives us to expand his kingdom." Would you partner with the Mendez family? They are currently only 40% funded to do this important work in Nicaragua.



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The Roehls in the USA



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Tim is the World Renewal Vice President of TransMissional Coaching. Tim's greatest passion is helping people "see" and know Jesus. He's served leaders from over 75 organizations that minister in over 90 countries for nearly 40 years. He is the President and "Itinerant Multiplier" for The Fit & Flourish Network (FitFlourish.com). Tim's ministry focus is leading leaders to discovery, clarity and destiny. We are grateful to have Tim on the World Renewal team, and for the insight and intercessory prayer that he brings.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
The next round of
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and 22nd

Last year, Tim Roehl was able to visit Nigeria (trained over 125 people), Brazil (speaking 8 times/getting to learn about the ministry there), was part of Vision 5:9 (a ministry that works with 180+ mission agencies engaging unreached Muslims around the world), and the Aramaic Broadcasting Network (that shares Jesus in over 40 languages and nations). His Lead by Listening training was used as a course in a prison in Ohio and other places, and is now available in Japanese and Arabic. For 2025, he has invitations to Malta, Egypt, Brazil, and Nigeria (travel for these invites is expensive and a big prayer need). There is an opportunity to translate his book *TransforMissional Coaching* into Arabic, but that would cost around \$5,000. Please also pray for him as he works on writing his next book. **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** The next round of TransforMissional Coaching Virtual Training will happen March 8, 15, and 22nd. For more information and to register, go to fitflourish.com/coaching.



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John and Annapaula Snow, with their children Isaac and Deborah, have served with World Renewal Brazil together since 2016. John had been part of the church planting team back in the beginning of the ministry, so it was a natural fit for him to join the board of directors. They serve with the Day Camps, IMPACT ministry, the public-school ministry, Living Stones, and at the International School. The Snows celebrated the baptism of their son Isaac in January, after he completed the discipleship classes at the Community Church of Paudlaho. Isaac also was a part of the January IMPACT outreach, working with church partners to share Jesus in hard-to-reach places.



John Snow, World Renewal Brazil missionary, shares: "I am now the Public School Chaplain at the school that is located right across the street from ABBA Camp. I got to speak to the teachers on orientation week on my role as a school Chaplain and introduced other team members who will be helping during the meeting. I also attended the city-wide leadership training for all of the public schools in Paudalho. We have started the base of our next up and coming Living Stones program at ABBA Camp in partnership with the public school. As Annapaula and I oversee the Living Stones program at Two Brothers, it is my joy to be mentoring Jose Antonio and Nayara (pictured) as they lead the congregation church plant at the Two Brothers Community Church. In all the work that World Renewal Brazil is doing at ABBA camp with the recycling program and ministry, there is a great need for a pickup truck to do the heavy lifting. If you feel called to partner with us on that, or with the Snow family support, we need an additional \$500 monthly support due to large inflation increases here in Brazil the last few months."



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The Naques in Mozambique

You World Renewal
Tube (Mozambique playlist)

f Assuerio Naque Ferreira

Naque Ferreira

WorldRenewal.org/Mozambique



Assuerio and Mirian Naque are missionaries with World Renewal Brazil, serving in Mozambique since 2017 (after serving in Brazil since 1998). Assuerio Naque develops leaders through TBI (Church-Based Training) in Mozambique, helping the local church grow in healthy ways and the leaders to grow in Biblical knowledge. They have set up an extension of the Northeast Bible Seminary in Brazil in Mozambique, and Assuerio also travels regularly to places that have no access to pastoral training. The team in Mozambique is growing! Pastor Johane Macuácuá, with his wife and two daughters, is the first worker to accept the challenge of working full-time with pastor Assuerio. Please pray for the Macuácuá family, as they need \$500 monthly support to begin.



The Naques in Mozambique

Mozambique has been experiencing political turmoil since their election last October. They have had a single ruling party since their independence in 1975, a party that has held on to power in many shady ways, and impoverished the people for their own financial gain. When they continued to win government seats in the last elections, riots broke out, protesting the legitimacy of the results. Things really got worse in December, and Assuerio and Mirian decided to leave early for America to escape the rising tensions. They had already planned to spend some time in Pennsylvania with their son and his wife, as they just had the first Naque grandchild: a girl named Nelly, in February. Please keep Mozambique in your prayers, as over 300 have died in riots, and the unrest continues. Assuerio continues to train and disciple the Mozambiquan pastors through Whatsapp and Zoom, and has a return flight for the end of March. Please pray that it will be safe enough for them to return and serve.



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You Tube World Renewal (Brazil Missionary playlist)

f Manju Mohan Barbosa

WorldRenewal.org/Brazil




Jose (Wilson) and Manju Barbosa, with their children Ariela and Adin, serve with World Renewal Brazil. Wilson works with Tele in creating partnerships, implementing organizational systems, and starting an awareness campaign program. He also does translation work with different programs like Compassion International, helps Volunteers for Christ (VFC) teams, and has an online outreach through English classes. Manju helps at the International School and is a bookkeeper with World Renewal Brazil. Ariela and Adin are both doing well at the International School as students. Adin, born with many medical conditions, has been doing well in all of his visits to specialists. Manju and Wilson hope to be equipped with everything they can do to help his growth development, and ask prayer for wisdom as Adin, age 4, is still non-verbal. Consider partnering with this family as they are still raising personal support, and all of the extra medical expenses that come up.



Wilson and Manju Barbosa have a unique skill set: She has a great love of cooking, teaching, and hospitality and is from India (and has worked for many years with YWAM, leading an Evangelism and Discipleship school in India, counseling in the US and South Africa, and a Rehab center in California). He is Brazilian, with experience in non-profit organizations (having a degree in International Relations and Education) with a great love of languages, cultures, and sharing Jesus with everyone. Together, they feel called to work with World Renewal, building up connections internationally and at home. They believe the "Fulfillment of the Great Commission starts at home, inviting others in, until the Lord sends them, even unto the end of the world." They are building up a prayer team that meets regularly, as they step forward in starting a Bible/English club. Manju asks, "Please keep us in your prayers, so that we can walk with God, and ask for wisdom, understanding and discernment for the next steps. We ask prayers for the resources to live but also to be able to do ministry (Intellectual, physical, spiritual and material). God is so faithful and He always lifts us when we are down, though things are not easy but God gives us strength & mercy." You can read their latest newsletter at Worldrenewal.org/brazil.



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David Taylor, World Renewal Missionary in Brazil, leads the Missional Martial Arts program with Glory Sports and runs Fight Club 414 (men's discipleship) in Brazil. Ivana, his wife, works at the International School of Carpina and has a Bible study for teens in their home. Ivana and David often host Martial arts and Fight Club 414 events as well. In March, they started the 8th round of Fight Club, with 30 registered men! Please continue to pray for the discipleship of these men and their families, and for David and Ivana as they are working on translating and getting resources for each round in Portuguese—and now are working on having it available in Brazilian sign language! Reaching out to the deaf community in Brazil has been a long time goal for the Taylors! Please consider partnering with the Taylors in Brazil.



The Bible study for teens at the Taylor's house in Brazil has grown into a youth group of over 30 teenagers. Chico, Ivana's brother, was a guest speaker at one of their recent meetings. He spoke about his experience living with the Gavião tribe of Brazilian indigenous people for 20 years as a missionary. David Taylor shares, "Of the 30 teens that come, about 10 speak English fluently, and 5 know English but cannot speak it yet. We are going to offer an English Christian studies course for the teens who are interested. I will lead the class and produce the materials for the study. Joyce (a graduate from the International School of Carpina) was the first to sign up! I asked what topics she would like us to cover. The first topic that she thought of was learning how to become mature in your prayer life. The course will be casual, relational, and focused on maturing as a believer. When Chico heard me explain how the group will function, he said it gave him goosebumps. He told me, "This will change their lives forever." My prayer is that he is right."



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The World Renewal missionary now known as “The Dog Walker” grew up with a French mother and a Hoosier father: traveling is in her blood. She gave her life to Jesus at age 10, and prayed to be a missionary in Africa. Nine months later, her family moved to a closed country in Africa. Her family was blessed to know many amazing missionaries there, and they began visiting and helping out however they could. Later in life, after serving in the army, the Dog Walker was able to return to serve at one of those ministries. She established an “Auntie House” where the children from the orphanages could come for a special time away, also giving the workers a break. Unfortunately, soon after, the country expelled all of the international workers and sent the children to government orphanages. Many of the local Christians were jailed or worse



Because her life was in danger as a Christian, World Renewal missionary known as “The Dog Walker” moved five hours away, to a different city in that same country, working as a certified dog trainer. She built relationships with the local mafia through caring for their dogs, and they in turn gave her protection from religious persecution. After almost 20 years in that closed country, she is now living in France, in a community that is 80% Muslim Africans. She is a certified dog trainer and has two of her dog friends (Raphaël and Spikey) with her. The dogs open many doors for conversations and friendships that she might not be able to open herself. Recently, she had the opportunity to teach English (and share about Jesus), to a family while their dogs played together. Our creative God has blessed us with many different gifts and talents that can become more when placed into His hands. World Renewal is thankful for the many different ways that our missionaries and partners creatively serve around the World. Would you support our “Dog Walker” missionary?



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Brent and Stacy Henderson have a ministry called Unleashed Men. World Renewal is proud to partner with them in their goal to help men recover their one true identity in Christ, to arm men with the tools and training they need to walk with God and join His battle, and to train changed men to change men. They've seen over 17,000 men come to Christ in the past decade. With two books and a fast-growing podcast, Brent also travels as a speaker at adventure retreats, conferences, speaking at churches, and one on one coaching. You can find a plethora of resources at his website: Unleashed.men. Please keep the Hendersons in your prayers as they travel.



Brent Henderson, with the ministry to men called "Unleashed Men," is working on two new books this year! As he travels, speaks, sings, and podcasts, the information has been coming together into a book called "The Big 5 Man Killers." It will be an in-depth guide into renewing your mind, while the second book, "Unleashed" will be about helping others find and live out their God-given purpose. Make sure to keep an eye out for these incredible book releases! Listen to his podcast, also called "Unleashed" wherever you like to listen.



June 2025



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Ramiro Martinez, World Renewal's International Director of Leadership Development, shares: "Last month I attended the COMIBAM (Ibero-American Missionary Congress) 2025 Congress in Panama, which is held every 10 years. More than 1,500 leaders from Ibero-America (made up of 24 countries) gathered to celebrate the sending of Latino workers to cross-cultural missions and to plan how to impact the gospel more. As I was moving from one room to another to go to a workshop, I ran into "Roberto", a pastor friend from Bolivia whom I had not seen for years. He stopped and told me how it was good to see me, and that he just wanted to say "THANK YOU" because after the ILI Leadership training he had with me, it helped him to grow his congregation, form new leaders, and become involved in sending missionaries to the ends of the earth. I thank God for this "chance" encounter that encourages us to continue investing in developing leaders with a global vision for His glory." For \$25, you can help a pastor or leader attend leadership training!



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The Wrights in the USA

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Tube World Renewal
Coversations with Gary

f Gary E. Wright

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Gary and Carol Wright, who founded World Renewal in 1986, continue to share Jesus with those around them and minister with World Renewal. They are enjoying different speaking and teaching engagements and getting to spend time with grandchildren. Gary shares, "Carol and I are grateful for your support these four decades. Carol still meets with lady leaders and teaches for Barclay College. Most of all she gives our family and myself the support needed. I have had several months of wonderful preaching, teaching and writing. My fifth book on family will be available in the fall. World Renewal continues to grow. We are seeing people come to Christ every day. We are developing new leaders every day. Wonderful young leaders, who were once in our children's ministries, are filling our adult ministry positions." You are invited to come hear Gary share at the Fireside Service, on Saturday nights, if you able!



Gary Wright shares, "Rumor was that he was a Christian. "Are you a Christian?" the judge demanded. It was divorce proceedings. Our leader loved his wife and children but both sides of the family demanded a divorce. Again the judge insistently asked, "Are you a Christian?" Our leader answered truthfully, "Yes I am." The verdict was swift, immediate. Divorce granted, children removed, property lost, family cut off as if one never lived. They are brave and faithful to the Lord Jesus. I am talking about our leaders and pastors in the persecuted, underground churches around the world. My frustration? I can't tell you much about them. I can't publish their stories; give you faces to pray for. They have families so dear. But I trust you to pray for them. The story above happened. Carry them to Jesus, intercede for them. They will thank you on the other side." World Renewal has a special link, right on the front page of our website, to give to the persecuted church. Please consider supporting them.



July 2025



Pastor Greg Ruble from Living Streams Community Church shares, "From May 23-June 2, Steve Turner, my wife and I were excited to participate and share in worship services at Acacias, Feira Nova, Tracunhaem, and Caruaru, lead a four-night pastors conference (encouraging them to fan into flame the gifts of salvation, prayer, marriage and grace), see ABBA Camp in action, visit a public school to promote Abba camp and witness for the Lord. An unexpected pleasure was spending one on one time with Pastor Tele and Heather, as well as David and Ivana Taylor. We could feel the presence of the Lord in our fellowship with them just listening and encouraging as they shared life and ministry with us. The work in Brazil is fruitful but it's also a fight. We count it a privilege to be connected with these faithful servants of God and pray for a fresh wind and fresh fire to daily blow on and in them as they persevere step by step. The dreams are still big after 32 years of ministry and every pastor, missionary and leader needs our prayers to see their faith become sight in NE Brazil."



Tyago Franca, from Tracunhaem Brazil and now pastoring in Florida, shares: "This year, from June 4-12, was a really special time with Family Church in Brazil. Our team of 14 focused on some important elements of our missionary vision. We helped with leadership development and missionary care as well as participated on outreach activities at public schools in Carpina and local churches, with sports clinics and youth group services. We saw lives being surrendered and transformed by God's love and one of the coolest things was that, our local missionaries, Damerson and Kervin, were ready to help those students in their next steps. Those we connected with are ready to get plugged into a small group, get baptized, and start serving at their local churches. Knowing this follow-up is in place makes a huge difference in long-term ministry."



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Rachel Ferguson, World Renew Brazil representative shares, "Each year we try to offer different specific vision trips, as well as a trip that is open to everyone from all churches to come to Brazil. This year, from June 13-24, our group of 4 spent specific time with Cajueiro Claro, Guadalajara, Feira Nova, and Caruaru churches and Living Stones programs. We visited ABBA camp and some public schools, getting excited about the ministry focus of local churches adopting public schools to offer follow-up and discipleship to the many students who get to know Jesus at ABBA camp. Over 100 students have come to know Jesus in the last couple of months, the Lord is really moving, and it was an honor to get to be invited into the action. Going to Brazil gives you new perspectives, it gives God space to show and teach you many things, and it is a gift that our Brazilian brothers and sisters give us to let us jump into their ministries. For them, it is a chance to give witness to what God is doing in their lives, and to remember that they are a piece of something beautifully bigger than them—the family of God. If you ever want to know more about opportunities in Brazil (any time of year), connect with me at rachel@worldrenewal.org.



Rachael Ogbin, from Fellowship Bible Church shares, "From June 20-30, 21 of us had the opportunity to serve and share the love of Christ in powerful ways across multiple ministries in Brazil. We hosted an English Camp for over 200 children, where 20 young hearts accepted Jesus as their Savior. Our team also led an Abba Camp community outreach, during which 7 teens made the life-changing decision to follow Christ. Over 200 women and 100 men were blessed through our Women's and Men's Ministry nights. Several of our team members also participated in a dedicated Addictions Ministry, offering hope, encouragement, and biblical truth to those battling addiction. We loved the opportunity to spend some time with the Two Brother's Living Stones program. We are grateful for the many lives touched and transformed by the gospel, and we give all the glory to God for what He has done!"



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The Limas in Brazil

You Tube World Renewal (Brazil Missionaries Playlist)

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Damerson and Fernanda Lima, with their children Joao Pedro and Maria Ester are missionaries with World Renewal Brazil. Damerson was the chaplain for the International School (where Fernanda is a teacher) for many years, but has moved into the role of coordinator for ABBA camp. Both Damerson and Fernanda are a part of the International Web radio. Damerson is also on the staff leadership team for IMPACT outreach. Please pray for the Lima family as they work to raise missionary support for their family, and consider partnering with them. Damerson has many exciting updates and stories to share with you in their latest newsletter, under their picture at WorldRenewal.org/brazil.



The Limas in Brazil

Damerson Lima, World Renewal Brazil Missionary and Coordinator of ABBA camp shares: "During the first half of 2025, by the grace of God, approximately 205 decisions were made for Christ during Day Camps at ABBA camp. In addition, we have been speaking in school assemblies and getting chaplains in schools, bringing the Word of God and emotional and spiritual support directly into the schools. We are also starting a new Living Stones program (#10!) at ABBA camp. Which is to say, the Living Stones program is starting, and we are trying to keep up! The public school across the street from ABBA camp recently had the roof severely damaged. Instead of the children losing a couple of months of school while it is repaired, we at ABBA opened our doors for the students and teachers to use our facilities! We had already been cultivating a relationship with the school, so this was the perfect next step. I enjoyed being able to be a part of the Mission trips from the USA this year, bringing the groups to meet different public school leaders, teachers, and students, to speak and pray with them. Having a global connection strengthens our vision, and encourages our hearts. I am also on the staff leadership team for IMPACT outreach, where we send out the call to all of the churches we've planted over the years, and invite them to make an IMPACT in a new community. We prayerfully partner with different church planters to IMPACT a specific place for a week or weekend: doing street evangelism, sports clinics, worship on street corners, and door to door prayer. This gives the church planter plenty of names to follow-up with, and encouragement to press on. We are getting ready for our next IMPACT outreach in Caruaru in July!" We want to make sure the Lima family is fully funded (especially as Fernanda and their daughter are dealing with some health issues)—would you support them today?



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 World Renewal (USA playlist)
 Friends of Recovery Northeast Ohio
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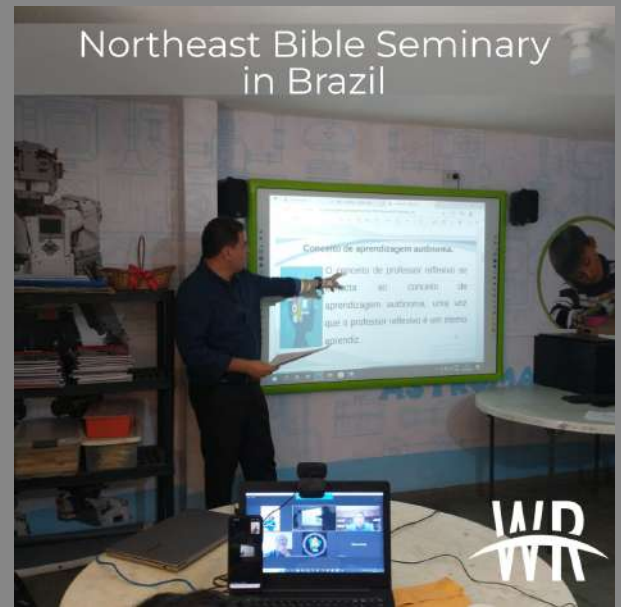
Dennis and Sue Anthony serve with Friends of Recovery Northeast Ohio (FORNEO), and have been partners with World Renewal for many years now. They are developing leaders through day-in-and-out respect, accountability and responsibility, and relationship. FORNEO is an organization that provides a healthy, spiritual, residential alternative to individuals burdened by addiction. They have a men's home (Tikvah), women's home (Arukah), women and children's home (Shalom), and are working on a second men's home (Hesed). They also run the Warehouse of H.O.P.E, a quality thrift store whose proceeds benefit the ministry. Please pray for helpers and additional staff to distribute the increasing ministry load, as the Anthony's celebrate 10 years of full-time ministry! Make sure to check out the latest newsletter at WorldRenewal.org/united-states, under the Anthony's picture.



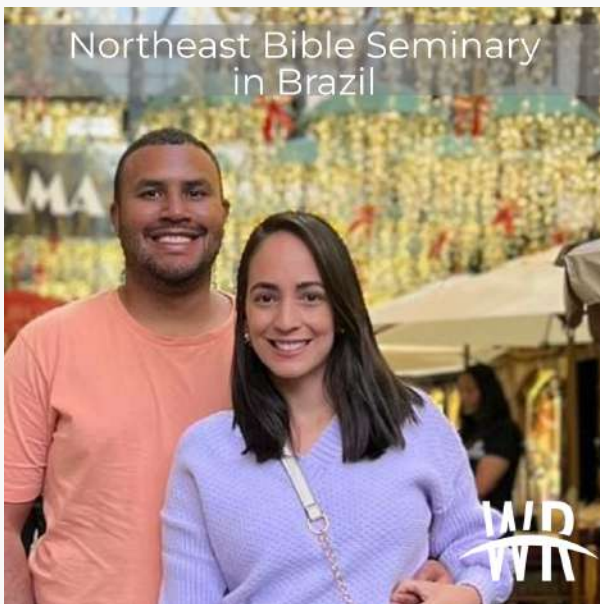
Make sure to read the whole story about Dominic, the Tikvah Home for Men's house manager with Friends of Recovery Northeast Ohio (FORNEO), at WorldRenewal.org/united-states, under the Anthony's picture. Dominic is going on his first missions' trip to Belize in July 2025 with Willoughby Bible Church. Dominic, with a history of addiction, moved into the Tikvah home 18 months ago and since then, God is doing a mighty work in and through him. Getting his passport and raising funds were just two of the many challenges he had standing between him and this trip to Belize. The ministry in Belize wanted a special video interview because of his extensive background check. What Dominic didn't know was the other half of the story. The Belize organization has been praying for clarity and direction regarding launching a recovery ministry. After their video interview, they now plan to sit down with Dominic and discuss the possibility of him staying and helping to develop and launch this much-needed ministry. Dominic said, "If God wants me in Belize, then Belize it will be. My life has definitely been changed, restored, and redirected towards Christ through the ministry here at Tikvah Home for Men."



August
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Pastor Augustinho Santana, president of the Northeast Bible Seminary (SBNE), shares: "In 2025, SBNE celebrates its 27th anniversary. Over the years, we have been challenged to trust in the Lord and depend on Him to overcome difficulties and provide the resources necessary to fulfill the mission God Himself has entrusted to us. Our motto has been the same since our beginning: "To develop leaders, hand in hand with the local church." This year we've offered rich training opportunities both online and in-person, as well as a conference on relevant biblical counseling topics with 180 attendants. We currently have 20 enrolled in our Ministerial Theological Course, 54 in the Bible and Theology Immersion Course, and 144 in the Biblical Counseling Course." Would you consider giving to provide scholarships for one of these students?



At the Northeast Bible Seminary (SBNE) in Brazil, a couple of years ago they began offering a one-year Biblical Counseling course. This has attracted many from local churches in Brazil to take evening classes to dig deeper into what God has to say about so many things that affect them and those around them day-in and day-out. Maria Daniele, who graduated from this program, shares: "The course at SBNE has been much more than a theological learning journey for me. It has been a precious time of personal growth and, above all, of deepening my relationship with the Lord. With each class, as I learned more about God's Word, I realized how much I still needed to be shaped by Him. The most precious thing of all is seeing how He has used me, even with my limitations, to bless other lives through what I have learned. One of the subjects I studied at SBNE was Bible Study Methods, and it has been a great help in preparing for the ministries I participate in, such as the Women's Ministry and Children's Ministry at my church. I am very grateful to God for this learning experience!" Would you consider providing scholarships for students like Maria Daniele?



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Melvin Mendez is the national coordinator for International Leadership Institute (ILI) in Nicaragua. They partnered with World Renewal in 2024 as they engage in cross-cultural missions' mobilization, evangelism, discipleship training, and church planting. His wife Paola also teaches, and leads a large local ladies' group. They have three children: Melvin Jr is in medical school, Joseph is in high school, and Melany is in grade school. Melvin has had unexpected medical complications, resulting in many medical expenses. Please pray about partnering with this family financially, as he has more specialized tests needed to monitor his health. They are currently only 30% funded, meaning they need to raise 70% more of their budget to have adequate funds. This hits hard for their ministry, but also for their family needs. Would you become part of their support team? You can give at WorldRenewal.org/nicaragua



Melvin Mendez, our World Renewal partner in Nicaragua, shares: "Recently we held a retreat attended by 42 young people and Vacation Bible School with 60 children and preteens in attendance. We were happy to have our own kids on break from school and helping out. We feel a great burden to continue advancing in evangelistic outreach to young people and adolescents. Please pray for more outreach opportunities and for hearts receptive to the message of salvation and open doors to continue training leaders of more interdenominational church networks. We set the goal of training 600 leaders in Nicaragua this year with International Leadership Institute (ILI), and have 524 trained to date! We are excited about surpassing our goals, with more training is underway, and many more in the planning process. Much of our work is done in very remote places in Nicaragua. The training cost per person is \$25 (which includes the manual, food, and transportation for the facilitation team). In some areas, due to distance (remote areas), churches do not have access or availability to copy or printing centers to reproduce the manuals. Scholarships for those who cannot pay would be a wonderful blessing."



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Daniel and Brianna Gallop have had quite the journey. In 2017, they came to Brazil and felt that God was calling them to serve with World Renewal Brazil. With their young family, they lived in Brazil for 4 months in 2021, where their 7th child was born. They were finishing up plans with their business to move to Brazil when their local church asked them to get some further training, and serve at home for a couple of years. In deference, they put off their leaving date, and have faithfully served at home. In 2024, Daniel and his pastor were able to make a trip to Brazil, and Lord willing, their family of 10 will be heading to Brazil in 2026! You can read more at their latest newsletter at WorldRenewal.org/Brazil



Since beginning the journey of serving in Brazil in 2017, Daniel and Brianna Gallop's family has grown, including one of their children who was born in Brazil. Their family of 10 has grown, matured, and sold a business and started another. Through that entire process, Daniel has learned many valuable skills that he will be using in Brazil with Project Focus. Both Daniel and Brianna will be teaching at the International School, and Daniel will teach some classes at the Northeast Bible Seminary as well. They are so excited to be part of church planting with World Renewal Brazil. Would you consider partnering with this family and this big step they are taking? They are 30% funded, but still have a way to go: would you help them raise the next \$1000 needed in monthly giving? You can read more at their latest newsletter at WorldRenewal.org/Brazil



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India, now the most populated country in the world, is home to Reverend Dr. Ghuna Kumar and Gospel Friends ministry. Partners with World Renewal since 2016, but running since 1992, Gospel Friends has the Living Hope Theological College, Jaya Paramedical College, the Dorcas Sewing Training, three Living Hope Children's homes, a primary school, and a VBS camp program that reaches thousands of children each year. Please continue to pray for Reverend Dr. Ghuna's health. This year, he celebrated turning 75 at their annual Founder's Day celebration.



Reverend Dr. Ghuna Kumar of Gospel Friends in India shares, "The coffee house ministry has started and the impact is great. We meet with people normally we won't get to. There is tremendous opportunity to spread the Good News. We have around 600 daily coming into the shop, and upstairs we have a counselling place. In August, 13 more girls graduated from sewing training. We have 52 more women ready to graduate in four different cities in India. This means we are in need of \$6500 exclusively for sewing machines. The reports from our Pastors and Evangelists are quite encouraging. Even though there is persecution from religious fanatics, our pastors are winning souls for Christ. We have 61 students studying both full time and part time at the Living Hope Theological college. Most of them are from nearby: pastors who benefit a lot. I have been having a muscle catch at the back of my head and shoulder. But today I feel better." Would you consider providing a sewing machine (\$110 each) to one of these women in India, helping her provide for her family and herself?



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Missions Fair & Celebration TODAY!



This is the week of World Renewal's Mission Fair & Celebration (the event is October 22nd from 5pm-8pm at Brandywine Community Church)! This is our annual event to share missions. Today we would like to give a special thanks for our board of directors, who will be meeting Thursday during the day for the annual board meeting. Our executive administration is Gary Wright (President and founder), Tele Moraes (Vice-president), Frank Penna (VP of International ministries), and Wes Davis (VP of Leadership Development). Gary Steer is the board chairman, with Wayne Phelps as the board secretary, and Larry Lux the treasurer. Paul Galbraith (Brandywine Community Church), Hubert Nolen (Hope Center), Mary Nolen (Hope Center), Kris Sorensen (Brookville Road Community Church), Steve Steer (Connect Church), Greg Ruble (Living Streams Community Church), and our 5 new board members this year (Larry as treasurer), Jay Norris, Beth Grimm (Damascus Friends), Terry Knighten and Anne Smith. You can find out more at Worldrenewal.org/our-board.

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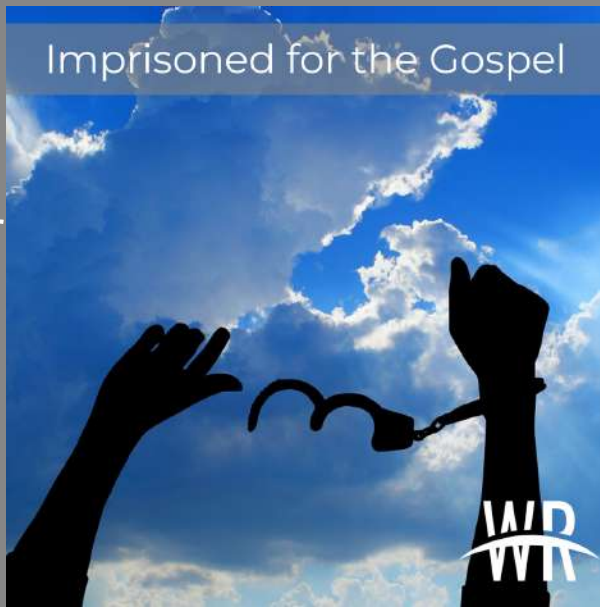
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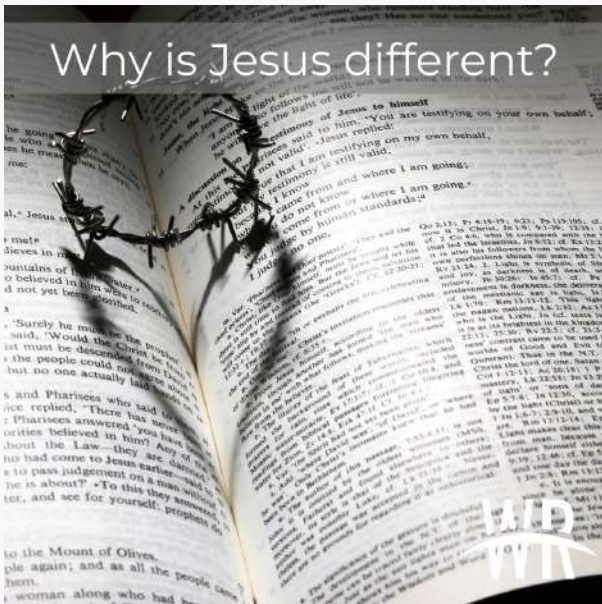
If you missed World Renewal's Mission Fair and Celebration going on 40 years of ministry on Wednesday, or if you attended and want to know more, we have put together a special video playlist just for you at your World Renewal YouTube channel. The 39th Year Celebration playlist gives you a look into our missionaries and partners, and what God has done this year. You can download the new 2025 WR magazine at WorldRenewal.org. Make sure to keep up with all the new updates on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and if you don't receive our bi-monthly e-newsletter, please sign up today on our website!



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Pastor Barack began a house church over a decade ago that now totals 1000 believers in his province. That is over half the believers in country he serves! Things were going well until someone betrayed the believers in his church by releasing a video of a baptism that quickly went viral. The gospel tells us that the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Barack refused to abandon his people by fleeing to protect his own safety. He rallied his elders to accept prison rather than compromise their testimonies. In prison, Barack led his people to respond with one heart and one spirit to face threats of execution, loss of family and confiscation of their property. Something akin to a jailhouse revival broke out. When authorities saw they could not break the will of the believers, they allowed a delegation of community elders to negotiate terms for our brothers and sisters to be released. The church has now escaped the legal threat, but they still confront the risk of lynching or of a terrorist strike. Pray for Barack to lead a reconciliation with the community that protects the church and permits his people to return to normal daily trade, labor and business. You can find out how to support Barack and others like him in our World Renewal e-newsletter.



Born in Africa, Sufian grew up in a large Muslim family. As he read the Koran, he recognized that Jesus was different from the other prophets: He did not die on the cross, but ascended to heaven. Sufian asked his Imam why Jesus was different, but he responded that only God knew the answers to such questions. To ask such questions might send a person to hell. Then Sufian met a friend from high school who had become a Christian, who gave him the gospel of John and answered all the questions he had been forbidden to ask. Sufian was touched by the gospel and gave his life to Christ, only to be despised by his family—until God worked in mighty ways. Find out more about Sufian and others like him in our special e-newsletter coming out Friday!



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International Day of Prayer
for the Persecuted Church



What happens when you have
to flee your Home?



With Entrusting Others, our Arab Training Coordinator was a principal in Syria before war drove her into exile. Now she devotes her teaching skills to preparing the courses she co-teaches with a respected Arab colleague, while she offers support and counsel to the leaders being trained. Our Arab training coordinator performs her work each day, knowing that she is the breadwinner for her clan, while facing daily fear of losing her refugee status and being deported. So many of our Christian brothers and sisters have had to flee their homes. World Renewal is working to help our Arab Training Coordinator save up for a downpayment on a home. A home will secure her retirement, as well as her citizenship. We have almost reached our goal for her downpayment! Would you consider giving to help us get over the line? You can at WorldRenewal.org/entrusting-others.

What do you ask prayer for?



Gary Wright shares: "When we hear from one of our partners in challenging places where persecution is happening, their request is never for their safety. It is never anything of fear. Instead, it is two other "F" words: they ask for Faithfulness and Fruitfulness. It would not be healthy for them to live scared, and they are not, but it is our responsibility and privilege to pray for their safety." For many years now, World Renewal has had a weekly Thursday 10am prayer meeting at our headquarters in Greenfield, IN. Please consider joining, in person or online. This is an amazing time of hearing updates from our partners all over the world. Tomorrow is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. We hope that you will take advantage of this time to learn more about the persecuted church, and to bring them before the throne of Jesus. More information at WorldRenewal.org/idop



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Andrew in France



Andrew, World Renewal's partner in France, is reaching North Africa's unreached Berber peoples through media, production, and distribution of audio-visual content in five key unreached Berber languages of North Africa. Each of these languages represents between 1 and 8 million speakers. Andrew and others work with native speakers of the languages for the translation and checking of their projects. Once video content has been produced, it is distributed on key websites for each language, on YouTube and on satellite via Story Channel. Where there is an existing follow up team in a given language, the contact details needed to reach them are broadcast with the video. In this way, those responding to a video in a given language are put in touch with brothers or sisters that speak that language. You can learn more about it at WorldRenewal.org/France.

Pascale in France



Pascale, World Renewal's partner in France, is a volunteer with Jews for Jesus. She is now leading their team in France. She has done much main one-to-one sharing and discipleship of Jewish women. She completed a thorough training program which looked at the history of the Jewish peoples, how this has affected their present, and the challenges that must be faced when working with them. Quite a few Jewish ladies have come to Christ and Pascale has been the main person working to help establish them in their new faith. There are many challenges, but it has been a joy to see so much response. She, her husband, Andrew, and their family serve in France, and you can learn more about her and her husband's exciting ministry at WorldRenewal.org/France.



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f David Taylor

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David Taylor, World Renewal Missionary in Brazil, leads the Missional Martial Arts program with Glory Sports and runs Fight Club 414 (men's discipleship) in Brazil. Ivana, his wife, works at the International School of Carpina and they have Bible studies for teens in their home (two different ministries). Ivana and David often host Martial arts and Fight Club 414 events at their home as well. Please continue to pray for the discipleship of these youth and these men and their families, and for David and Ivana as they put together and translate all of the resources needed for each ministry. After years of working to keep their current vehicle moving, they have been advised to start looking for a new (to them) car, which will be around \$20,000. Please pray for this financial need, as well as David's father, who may need help recovering from surgery in early 2026, for at least 3 months, if all goes well. Please consider partnering with the Taylors in Brazil.



The Taylors, World Renewal Brazil partners, have two youth groups meeting in their home: called Pacoca (42 members who are finishing reading their 20th book together) and 4Twelve (English speakers invited to community and food). David Taylor shares, "Glory Sports Martial Arts meets three times weekly (at Community Church of Carpina and for leader's training). Classes average about 20 teens/adults, 30 children, and 8 Ambassadors (leaders-in-training). Fight Club 414 is a holistic men's ministry. This year, we had two rounds of Fight Club and two Leadership Trainings that conclude with Round 9 ending in December. 36 men from nine churches participated. One of them, Breno, from Friends Community Church, was baptized during Midway. Breno's baptism captured the heart of Fight Club—men taking real next steps of faith."



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The Mendez family serves in Nicaragua through International Leadership Institute (ILI), where Pastor Melvin is the National Coordinator and they train 500+ leaders a year. They partnered with World Renewal in 2024, as they engage in cross-cultural missions' mobilization, evangelism, discipleship training, and church planting. His wife Paola also teaches, and leads a large local ladies' group. They have three children: Melvin Jr is in medical school, Joseph is in high school, and Melany is in grade school. The Mendez family lives in the city of Matagalpa, located in the North of Nicaragua, about 80 miles from the capital. Melvin was a professional draftsman of project plans for a construction and architecture company, but felt called to become a pastor and a church planter. In 2010, he felt the need to help with the preparation and training of leaders, and began working with ILI (International Leadership Institute). They learned about World Renewal through Ramiro Martinez, and partnered with us in 2024. In 2024 they held 48 training events, and 955 leaders graduated.



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The Mendez family, World Renewal partners in Nicaragua, have faithfully served God for 15 years, trusting Him for all that they need. With dedicated fundraising, they have been able to raise 30% of their basic budget, which allows them to partially cover essential family needs like food, schooling and health concerns. Unfortunately, it creates instability for their family, as well as their outreach, specifically to rural Nicaragua, limiting what they are able to accomplish. How special that in this Thanksgiving season, after all the family and food and shopping (Black Friday/Cyber Monday) Christmas shopping, we've come to Giving Tuesday. Our goal for this Giving Tuesday is to raise the Mendez family monthly funding. What an amazing help it would be if we can get them to 50% of their needed budget! Would you consider partnering with them on a regular basis or give a one-time gift, as we work to raise \$500 more a month for this faithful family? You can learn more at WorldRenewal.org/giving-tuesday