

# Recife Brazil Report

## Feb-Mar 2021

### Randy and Kathy Short

We are so blessed. Even in the middle of a pandemic, our work goes on. Yes, we have been confined to home. Yes, we have not been able to give in person classes for evangelism, church services or ministry training. However, we continue to do all of those ministries and more by Zoom, YouTube, Google Meet and other online platforms.

- **Bible classes continue.**

Courses we gave in February that are meant for outreach/evangelism: The Biblical Church, 14 students; two classes of Truths about Baptism, one with 30 students and the other with 25; How to Become a Faithful Christian, 53 students; Let the Bible Speak, 69 students; Daniel, 61 students; Be Just a Christian, 36; two classes of Christian Woman with 80 in one and 56 in the other and four classes of Let the Bible Speak in Boa Viagem, Angola, Mozambique, and Cape Verde with a total of about 100 students.

Our ministry training school EBNESR has continued as scheduled though without in person classes. We have 25 studying at night and 11 on Saturdays and 22 online totaling 58. We had a record just last week of 50 for our intensive study week. That likely represents about 75 different students studying in this way. Also included in these numbers are our resident students. We now have ministry training students from five different countries.

As I said our work goes on despite the pandemic plus, we have had time to complete some work that we always been short of time to do.

- **We have three new books in transit to EBNESR from the printers.**



*Transformation* by Clara Mae Francis is a quarterly study developed to contribute spiritually to adolescents by helping them recognize the consequences of their choices. During this period teenagers begin to face many important decisions in their lives and these lessons can help to guide them in a positive way, according to the will of God.

About the author: Clara Mae Morgan Francis was a tireless woman, always willing to help and care for the people around her. This material is a small part of her legacy, the result of a life in the service of children's ministry in the Church of Christ. Clara Mae passed away at the age of 95, on February 22, 2021. She described herself as "A lifelong teacher of children's Bible classes and sharer of God's word". We are immensely grateful for her example and legacy for children's ministry and especially the blessing that this work will be in Brazil.

*Baptism, Truths Beyond the Water* by Randy Short is a book that offers a frank about baptism but also has an emphasis on what a person should know before baptism and the commitment he or she is making by

being baptized. We hope that it will be an effective tool against controversial ideas. Of course, the affirmations are based exclusively on the Scriptures.

*Walk Like He Walked, How to Be a Disciple* by Randy Short, is a book about discipleship. It mainly deals with three things that the disciple of Jesus Christ must have: conviction, commitment, and courage. It is a devotional book with short stories to help Jesus' disciple be faithful to Jesus whatever happens in his life.

- **We also saw the initial voyage of our mobile classroom.**



The truck was designed to expand on both sides creating 60% extra space with a seating capacity of up to 40 students. Under the direction of Idalício Pereira, the first students were recruited and classes taught. We only used about ½ the capacity.



Unfortunately, after only a couple of classes Brazil went back into lock down because of a rapid increase in the number of Covid-19 cases and we were forced to shut down. We hope to go back to continuous use in April 2021.

You may have seen on the international news that Covid-19 is especially bad in Brazil right now. Many are saying it is the worse place in the world. We are planning to return to Brazil as we have had our vaccinations, but we are having trouble getting flights. Many countries are not even flying to Brazil right now. There are flights from the USA to Brazil but there are very few. In fact, there are no direct flights to Recife.

We are grateful to all our supporters who have stayed with us during this trying time. Please continue to pray for us, our work in Brazil and our safe return. We will continue to do our best for the lost in Brazil.

Blessings

Randy