

"WILD FIRE" IN BRAZIL! The Story Of The Birth Of "Musica Com Sentido"!

FROM SAM & CEPHAS, BRAZIL:

Dear Family,

History always repeats itself, and once again, the Latin Lover Land of beautiful Brazil is opening her arms to the Song of David! Over 6 years ago, the first team of pioneers set foot on Brazilian soil, & shortly thereafter, the whole country was singing Alleluia! Now, with a little more experience, & the call to push MWM in Portuguese, or "Musica Com Sentido", we are starting the new wave of heavenly sounds to woo & win the souls of these precious & fiery Latin people! After being here a little over one month, the Lord has done miracle after miracle to open the doors that no man can open!



Marly and Kalita give Sam a big, warm Brazilian welcome! Photo by Cephas.



Sam and Cephas at the airport in Sao Paulo! Photo by Marcos.

The Reception Home Days

The first day or so in the Reception Home were spent unwinding from the NAW, & from the travelling most of us had been doing. We really appreciated Ebed & Estrella opening up their home to us for us to be able to get our bearings, and be able to counsel, and get the picture of what the Lord wanted us to do. After the weekend, we heard from Marly, a former movie actress & model that's in the family, & she told us about a possible contact to record in a studio. We went to see her Monday, the 1st, and we discussed the way we might be able to use her friend's studio. It turned out that he has known the family for a long time, & is quite receptive, & had been witnessed to for a few years. His name is C., & he was married to Marly before, & still really has alot to do with her. He always asks her opinion of the things he is doing, & relies alot on what she says. When she called him, he said he would see us the next day, & it was a real victory for all. While we were at Marly's house, several people were there, & we had a really rousing inspiration, & the Lord gave us my first song in Brazil, dedicated to all the Brazilian disciples called "Wild Fire"! That's what they have here, & the Lord can really use it!

The next day, we met with Marly, & went to meet C. He lives in one of the most fashionable parts of town, & has an apartment there. We all greeted him, & right away he asked, "So what are you guys trying to do?" It's a good thing we were ready, because I had brochures from Puerto Rico, explaining MCV, & pictures, & even tapes. He got so inspired, he wanted to take us right away to his studio, & see if it would suit our purposes. On the way to his studio, I put the earphones on him, & played some of the children's new songs from MCV, & explained that we wanted to start with the children, & being that I had the music tracks from Puerto Rico, all we would have to do is copy it onto his tape recorder, & put the kids voices on. He was really turned on about the idea. We saw the studio, & it was not only enough, but actually more than enough. We only normally use 4 channels, & he has 8! So, we discussed it, & he said he would be glad to donate his studio, & his time, & even the time of the engineer, who turned out to be just as awesome! So, it was a tremendous victory for us, & one we didn't even realize was going to happen, as we had been thinking of setting up in Sao Paulo. Little did we know of the other miracles God had in store for us.

Right away we started preparing for the recording, as Cephas & the others were looking into the possibility for housing. Lucas Trovador, from Portugal, took the words from the Children's Witnessing Songs tape in Spanish, & translated them all into Portuguese.

& we started getting our little team of children together to sing the songs. Our team of children consists of Jeremias & Flor, of Tiago & Tabita; Heidi & Godfrey of Sos & Ahlat; & Michael & Katrina of John & Rebecca Caravan. I wanted to add that the parents of the children have been so helpful & sacrificial, in stopping their own plans, & letting their children be used on this important project. It was such a blessing to see the dream of Brazilian MWM, or "Musica com Sentido" coming true before our eyes, & after waiting for so long, & patiently, the Brazilian & Portuguese speaking would have the tools they so desperately needed to do their jobs much better! God bless Dad for his faith in sending a team here, especially such an unworthy one, & I know I speak for all of us.

Next day at practice, we decided to try out our new songs on some of the people, & Lis, a Brazilian sister from Sos & Ahlat's home, had led this sweet little girl to the Lord, & she had been waiting for us to finish practice. At first, I walked across the street to the beach, & sang her a few songs like "We Just Wanted to Tell You that We Love You", and then all of a sudden, here comes the children with their radiant, smiling faces, & sang her all the songs they had learned. By this time, a crowd had gathered behind us, & after the singing, Ahlat got their attention, & led them all in a prayer to receive Jesus! That night at the RH, we had a romantic evening, & I spun the tapes, & people danced to the sounds of MWM, MCV, & Os Meninos de Deus! It got a little heavy after a while, & I was the only one left in the room! I don't know what happened! I guess they didn't like the music! Amen!

Apartment Days

We had arranged with Marly & her sister, who also lived in their apartment, to come & stay until we found the house the Lord wanted us to have here. The other big reason that we felt it was the Lord to stay here in Rio, was because the Lord had supplied a beautiful building that would be perfect for MCV studios! Where God guides, He provides! So, we began our search for housing, & the Lord was more ready than we were! Hall! The first day we moved into the apartment I had made an appointment with the manager of the Hotel, & went & saw him about the possibility of singing in the Lounge, etc. From there, I checked out several other hotels & clubs. From what I found out, it looks like the Lord wanted us to book, & go out with the kids as a way of getting out the message personally. However, the night life in Sao Paulo is very different, & the brethren there have a really good band that plays in clubs, & is doing quite well. I guess the Lord knows that our job is to stick to the recording, & just get out & sing in the streets the other times. During this time of flux & waiting, Peter Black has been such a blessing in cooking & taking care of the small & little things! We wouldn't have been able to do it without him! A real saint! We started going out regularly with the children & the Lord really blessed it, & we saw how the children are really a key to the work here, as in every other work!

On Monday, the 15th, we marked our first day to record for MCV! We could only get the studio at night, & we put the children to bed for the whole afternoon, & got there up around 6:30, & gave them a good dinner, & prepared to go to the studio. It went really good, & because they were really rehearsed, they popped off 4 songs in a little over an hour, after we copied the music onto the 8 track tape. They were such a good sample to C. & J. the sound technician, & they were so impressed how 6 children could come into a small studio with wires, & all kinds of complicated circuits & musical instruments, & not break anything, & see anything up. While we were recording, Marly took C. into the back room & fed him! He told me about the big holocaust that was coming, & he really got turned on by the vision. He is a very spiritual person, & is just looking for a cause to direct his energy to. He has a band, & they do work for plays, jingles, & that sort of thing, but he really is looking for a cause! Sound familiar? Really pray for us, that we will be able to help him find the true cause that he really needs to help him have a useful & meaningful life!

We have now been here for almost a week, & the Lord is constantly moving, & we're desperately trying to stay up with Him. We are expecting many new people, & are counselling about the people that will be used here. Jody finally arrived from Puerto Rico, and brought inspiring news & long awaited mail from there. Thank you all for your sweet letters! We need you more than we can say. Please pray for us, & help us if you can! Bethuel, Obed & Jubal & families should be here soon from Argentina to help us with the music, & Michah & Joanna & family, Joseph & Lynn & family, & Tiraz Seeds & family should be here soon. If you have a burden to help us get started, please send your donations by check or money order.

SOUTHERN SOUTH AMERICAN PENTECOST!

Family members from 4 different countries meet together for 4 days of Heaven on Earth!

From Juan & Victoria; GASs of Argentina: WLYI GBY! WE WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU HOW FOUR COUNTRIES FROM S.A. GOT TOGETHER FOR FOUR WONDERFUL DAYS OF INSPIRATION! Everything started a few months ago when we received a letter from the U.S. & in Chile with the idea of getting together with Argentina for a fellowship meeting in Mendoza. Since Uruguay was part of our CAF they decided to come along. Paraguay also wrote to us wanting more fellowship as there are so few brethren in their country so we invited them along too!

In our next CAF Meeting in Bs.As. we shared this idea with all the brethren and they were so inspired to go! So Matthew & Sarah from Mendoza started to look for a campground there where we could have the get together. God bless them for their effort as they found the perfect campground with all the facilities and a beautiful swimming pool for a very economical price. They also provisioned fruits, vegetables & wine and set up a big tent where all those without tents could sleep together! TTL for their hard work as they were really a blessing!

WE SENT A LETTER TO ALL THE brethren asking them to come prepared with camping equipment and TTL He supplied most of them with tents, campstoves, etc. And in Bs. As. we provisioned a bus for 34 adults and 23 children for a very low price.

THE BUS MET EVERYONE IN A PARK! The bus driver was really shocked to see all the luggage and gear we brought with tents, blankets, T.V. & video machine, sound equipment, baby strollers, etc. that looked something like the Maltese Doublecross! Finally a big grin came to his face and it was a miracle he let us get everything on the bus!

ON THE BUS WE HAD UNITED PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY and we arrived safely in Mendoza after a long 20 hour drive! Super inspired!

ON ARRIVAL WE MET OTHER BRETHREN AND A FEW HOURS LATER A BUS FROM CHILE CAME! WOW! What an inspiration to see so many brethren we hadn't seen for years! Our hearts jumped with joy to see so many still going for God!

For us personally it was a great inspiration to see so many brethren in S.A. from Spain that we had worked with as before and had left Europe the same as we! What a miracle! We felt a little bit like what it's going to be when we get to heaven and see all our loved ones and the souls we won for Jesus! WE WERE 196 ADULTS, 142 CHILDREN! A TOTAL OF 338 MEMBERS! So right away we saw the need to get together for an executive meeting and organize the reunion and work out a schedule. The Lord gave us many ideas and we learned a lot about organization with so many people. As half of us were children, we made special rules for safety...the first was a buddy-system of one adult with one child at the swimming pool. Also we put life-preservers on them. We also emphasized to the parents about the importance of taking good care of their kids. It was wonderful to see many single brethren volunteer to help with the children. As well some helped in giving filmstrips and Bible stories for devotions.



The children enjoyed videos, filmstrips & Bible stories.

WE SAW THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING GUARDS AROUND OUR CAMPING AREA especially during inspiration time and video showings as all the tents were left alone. We set up a first-aid tent in case someone got sick or an accident happened. TTL nothing happened thanks to His protection! We also had two

brethren with cars going shopping every morning for food! They were a great help.

OUR SCHEDULE: We started the morning with devotions and prayer for unity and as we just got the Mag. 45 we read part of it. During the day there was time to go swimming and share with the brethren & to get to know each other better. In the afternoons we had inspiration with singing and testimonies. The children had an important part with this. They came out with boldness quoting their verses and chapters, which was a good sample for all and really convicting for the adults on the importance of memorisation. In the evening we had a special time getting together to watch videos under the stars. The video was so full of love that it inspired us to love one another to spend beautiful romantic evenings sharing sexually.

THIS REMINDS US OF WHAT DAD SAID IN "THE FELLOWSHIP REVOLUTION" PARAGRAPH 36: "AND AS A RESULT OF THAT ONE BIG AREA-WIDE FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF ALL THE DISCIPLES from the Jerusalem area (Argentina-Chile), in fact probably from all over Judea because some came in as far as from Galilee (Uruguay) & other places (Paraguay), they had a tremendous praise & prayer meeting & were terrifically in unity of mind and heart--one mind, one spirit, one soul & virtually one body!" Hal! It sounds just like us!

TTL FOR SUCH A WONDERFUL FAMILY WITH SO MUCH LOVE and thanks to Dad and Maria for the letters that have freed us and are helping us



Some of our precious Latin American family enjoying the fellowship meeting in Mendoza.



Some of our captive audience.

to live the real love of God! What a privilege to be part of this family! We also wanted to give special thanks to Juan & Cathy who went out of their way so it was possible to receive on time the videos of MCV which caused a great impact and inspiration as it was the first time we saw MCV in Spanish! Since most of the brethren spoke Spanish they were very thankful. THE VIDEOS WERE A GREAT TOOL TO WITNESS TO THE CAMPGROUND PEOPLE as they came to watch them every day and were getting saved! Some of the people who got saved were the two drivers of our bus who were so turned on that they kept bringing new people daily for us to witness to. For all the people in the camping it was a great witness the way we live! The unity and care we had for one another was a sample to them.

A PART OF THE INSPIRATION TIME WE HAD SPECIAL MEETINGS IN WHICH WE SHARED ABOUT THE WORK IN THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES and the possibility of changing personnel and pioneering new areas. Thank the Lord new teams were formed there that are going to open new homes in virgin cities in Argentina. Others formed new homes. We're trying to cooperate with Chile who have many single mature brothers with the qualities for being good shepherds, something that we have a great need for in Argentina. We also talked about exchanging videos and newsletters so we can grow together in unity for we felt the meeting in Mendoza was just