

BrazilKids children's home baptizes 5

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JANUARY. Vicki and I work in a supportive role for the Christian children's home in the city of Cabreúva, on the other side of the state capital of São Paulo. The home's executive director, Eduardo Favoratto, wrote that during their New Year's celebration five of the young people requested baptism.

During 2011 the home successfully reintegrated 20 children into a family situation with close relatives. Presently, 19 children reside at the three cottages on campus. In the picture is the first cottage, the original house of the farm donated to the home.

Can you remember *Lar Cristão Children's Home*? Since it's a mouthful, we simplified the website name as we set up a new site, prompted by an American supporting congregation seeking updates. Check out the new site and the updates on BrazilKids.net.

MAGAZINE BACK IN PRINT. At the end of 2011, we released the January, 2012, issue of *Edificação* (Edification) magazine. It had been over two years since the last issue. You can see the most recent magazine covers on the website at edificacao.org. February's is also out, and March's is almost ready.

BIBLE SCHOOL. I continue to teach the adult Bible class in Taubaté. For the first quarter in 2012 we are studying Steve Williams's book, "What Is Christianity?". We hope to get that published in Portuguese this year. It basically just needs a revision job done. Read his book free at afn.org/~afn52344/.

SIGN UP TO THE DEVO. Internet work continues apace. We moved several sites to our own server. I continue to translate the Portuguese-language devotional into English. You can sign up to get it by email on my personal website at randalmatheny.com. (Our *igrejadedecristo* on Twitter has 1,166 followers!)

GUEST SPEAKING. At the Pimentas congregation in the city of Guarulhos, where the international airport is located, I spoke Jan. 29 on the month's theme of "How to Be Happy" (picture, right). Both the sermon and Bible class time were mine. Some 50-60 people were present. Vicki and Leila accompanied me.



FAMILY. Leila passed her driving tests and began practicing immediately. • Vicki starts tests in March at a São Paulo hospital, but we're thankful she's had no more tachycardia spells. • Word is that grandbaby no. 2 is a boy. • Please note new mail address below.

MORE PRAYERS. Pray for these people and needs: Tansy and Joel, expecting a boy • a new meeting location for the SJCampos church • the conversion of those studying the gospel • Gratitude that Leila got her driver's license • new efforts in evangelism.