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✧ Feed My Lambs Pilots in Brazil ✧



Our first *Feed My Lambs* pilot in Portuguese (*Apascenta Minhas Ovelhas*) was launched in Pirituba, a suburb of São Paulo, Brazil, as a two-day-a-week afterschool program for street children. The funding came from businessman, Sr. Yoshiaki Hara who, with his wife, has been feeding and teaching street children, who have lingered around their place of business for several years. According to Brazilian government statistics, 1,000 children die from hunger daily, while 35% of children between the ages of 7 and 15 are not enrolled in school! The term “street children” refers to children who either work on the street or are abandoned to live on the street. The presence of vast numbers of unsupervised and unprotected children on the streets is a common phenomenon throughout Latin America. In Brazil, over 8 million children are on the streets and are susceptible to severe risks through famine, violent drug gangs, predatory crimes, HIV/AIDS, vigilante groups, and police “death squads,” who, out of fear, kill street children on a daily basis.

Elizabeth Youmans trained a group of São Paulo teachers in February and Nancy Hameloth trained a group of Parnamirim teachers in June. Out of these training programs, seven pilot programs will be initiated. Dr. Youmans was able to visit the Pirituba program in July, where these photos were taken.

This pilot is blessed to have contributions from young Brazilian leaders: director Larisa Hoh, who has a biology degree from MacKensie University, her assistant, Andressa, and Simone Hara Youmans, who translated the first unit as a gift to her nation’s children. Recently, Brazilian Christians targeted young professionals in a fundraiser to encourage sponsors for the children.

Feed My Lambs is loved by the children! Designed with the core values of truth, beauty and moral goodness, the lessons inspire hope and vision within the children and teach them how to reason with Biblical principles. Their favorites are *Wellspring of Wonder* (telling the stories in our *Timeline of Promise* with wooden story figures), hearing the classic *Heidi* read aloud, and their notebook work. One 10-year old boy shared that he now has the goal to learn to read, because he wants to be able to read the Bible like his teacher.

Soon, a pilot will begin in Seoul, Korea and several are slated for Lima and Ayacucho, Perú. We need your help to fund pilot projects in the developing world. If you can assist, please email us at info@principiacorp.org.

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Upcoming Events:

September

DNA Training, Ayacucho, Perú: 3-10

School of Discipleship, San Antonio, TX: 26

October

School of Discipleship, San Antonio, TX: 10

School of Discipleship, San Antonio, TX: 24

EUR05 with KPC in Minsk, Belarus: 27-31

November

School of Discipleship, San Antonio, TX: 7

FML Pilot Training, Seoul, Korea: 11-21

December

School of Discipleship, San Antonio, TX: 5

Teacher Training, Acuña, Mexico: 6-8

January

School of Discipleship, San Antonio, TX: 9

FML Pilot Training, Lima, Perú: 15-20

FML Pilot Training, Ayacucho, Perú: 23-27



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One *Classical Kids™*
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Feed My Lambs is an **enriched program for children** designed for use in Sunday, day, home, and after school programs. Its core values are beauty, truth and moral goodness, and it highlights **principle-based lesson plans** and **beautiful coloring pages** for the classic Heidi; Children of the Promise Timeline; Reading for Reasoning from Proverbs; Arts, Crafts and Music; Wellspring of Wonder™; Community Service Project; Parent Prayer and Blessing Cards; and a culminating Festival of Learning. This CD also contains a **glossary of terms** and several **power points** in various languages. The CD can be purchased **online** by credit card at www.principiacorp.com or ordered by phone at 407-275-0203.

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