



## **T.I.M.E - Training in Ministry by Extension**

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

(Matthew 9:37-38)

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Dear students, June 11th was Baptist Pastor's Day (in Brazil), so I share with you a special message, that I've received. A big hug to all my fellow pastors-students and also to those who will be.

### **Pastor, an endangered species**

By Débora Borel

Where are they? Who can tell us where we can find a good pastor? Some say that they are extinguished. But I have heard about men and women that ascend to the pulpit with such title.

Is that really only a title? Yes, because titles don't raise abnegation, surrender. Titles can't bend knees nor bow faces. Titles may even raise hands, since they don't come back empty. Titles can't love, can't care without interest, and can't feed. They also don't celebrate the victory of others nor weep for their pain.

I can't assure, therefore, that not everybody who considers oneself a pastor is a pastor indeed. It can be just a title. So, where are the pastors? Those men and women who don't look at their sheep as if they were numbers. People who, instead of breaking in other pastor's fold, are preoccupied with those who God has entrusted with and only care about extending their grazing over those who aren't part of His flock (God's).

Where are the pastors who have learned with Lord Jesus that the key to authority is surrender and obedience? Those pastors must have the same attitude as Jesus' who even existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped. One learns to absent from oneself with the intention of giving place to another. One is not over-human, but superhuman, that is, really human. One cries, confesses that is scared, asks for help, doesn't give up from the truth to please the alert Pharisees. The pastor, following Jesus' model, doesn't have a wisdom based on knowledge, but on fear. One recognizes the eyes of God everywhere, and knows that it's impossible to dodge from this look.

Someone has said that the Pastoral Ministry is a desert. Maybe there lies the



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reason we don't find good pastors easily. For in the desert there are no spotlights, there is, yes, the shining sun over our heads during the day and the freezing cold at night. In the desert there isn't applause either, but too many complaints from people who question faith, the authority that God concedes, and even God himself. I believe that some have even begun their walk in this desert, but they couldn't stand the feeling of emptiness, neither the trial of the heart.

What comforts me is to know that God himself invests in this ministry, for even that some give up and others only bear a title, there are those who remain strong and constant, fulfilling their task and keeping their faith. Therefore I can conclude that God wouldn't institute such priesthood knowing that it would be impossible its fulfillment. So, when God call someone to the Pastoral Ministry and this one begins their walk in the desert, one must aware about the cloud that protects them during the day and the fire wall that warms them at night. They must also count on the manna which comes from the sky and the well-springs that flow from the rock. Above all, they must be very careful with the complaints so that these don't replace the voice of God.

Those who persevere will see the glory of God. They will be live witnesses of the land that gives milk and honey; they will possess the promise and will see the Kingdom of God being established among the people and nations. May God help us to find such pastors!

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## Northeastern Class

On April 30th and May 1st took place, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in João Pessoa/PB, the opening seminar of T.I.M.E. in the Northeastern Region of Brazil.

We started a class with 18 students avid for knowing better the Word of God and to prepare themselves for the ministry. Nevertheless, among the students we also have some pastors, they are: Paulo Delfino da Silva (João Pessoa/PB), Luiz Webster Barros Nunes (Horizonte/CE) and Eli Pereira de Magalhães (Natal/RN).

Besides the T.I.M.E activities we've had the great joy of attend the Bible School and the services in João Pessoa, and to celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday evening.

It has been, likewise, wonderful to attend the service at the congregation in Bayeux/PB, where we were welcomed very kindly by all brethren.



Pastores Luiz Webster, Paulo Delfino, Jonas Sommer e Eli Magalhães



## Be a Contributor!

Did you know that you also can contribute with this important ministry?

There are two ways, first, and more important, you can PRAY. We have prayer cards. You can adopt a student to pray for him.

You can also contribute by offering, to provide the financial needs of the project, or adopting a student financially.

For more information, please contact us through the address at the bottom of this folder.





New TIME class – Northeastern Region – attending the first seminar in João Pessoa/PB, held on March 31 and April 1st.



Pastor Jonas explaining the operation of the course.



Deacon Gláucio, first class student, who moved, along with his family, to Bocaiúva do Sul to work fulltime in the Lord's Harvest.

We appreciate Pastor Paulo Delfino and his team for the warm welcome. Thank you for your effort to receive all the students and to receive them so well.

Let us pray for that new class, may God strengthen and enable each one of the students. May He touch the heart of the called ones, calling them to the full-time ministry.

## Next Meetings

### Class 01

Next first class students' meeting will take place on July 9-10, 2011, in Bocaiúva do Sul/PR, for the seminar on Christian Education, which will be ministered by pastors Francisco José Cordeiro Neto (Pastor China) and Marcos Paulo Ferreira, from the Bacacheri Baptist Church.

Pastor China will focus at children ministry and its importance for the local church. Pr. Marcos will talk about ministries with teenagers and young people.

On September 3-4 it will happen, also in Bocaiúva do Sul/PR, the seminar on Trinity, which will be taught by Pastor Jaziel Guerreiro Martins, doctor of Religious Studies and dean of Baptist Theological College in Paraná.

### Class 02

The students of the second class have an appointment scheduled for the seminar on the Old Testament, which will take place on August 21-22, at the Second SDB Church in Curitiba, in the neighborhood of Boqueirão.

The lecturer will be Pr. Antonio Renato Gusso, expert in Biblical Languages, master and doctor of Theology – Old Testament by Rio de Janeiro Baptist Seminar, master and doctor of Religious Studies – Literature and Religion in the Biblical World by Sao Paulo Methodist University, postdoctoral of Theology by Superior School of Theology (EST, in Portuguese), in Sao Leopoldo/RS.

In September, on 24-25, at Porto União SDB Church, there will be the seminar on New Testament with Pastor Antonio Carlos da Silva, master of Systematic Theology at Seminário Betânia, in Curitiba/PR.

## Northeastern Class

Our students from Northeast will have the semi-

nar on the Old Testament on October 1-2, at the SBDC in Natal/RN. The lecturer will be Pastor Antonio Renato Gusso (resume above).

## Seminar on Homiletics and Hermeneutics

By Heloise Gonçalves Nunes Lemos, T.I.M.E. student

The first time I heard the words “homiletics” and “hermeneutics” I still didn’t have the intention of doing T.I.M.E course, I confess that I felt some strangeness and indifference, “after all, what’s all this for?” It’s funny how so many times we don’t grow up because we “fear” the unknown. But God is so full of grace that He enables His children so that they learn and teach each other by giving them courage to move ahead and to grow by the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In our last weekend seminar, held on April 21-24 in Bocaiúva do Sul/PR, the first class, even with some dear students missing, bombed the lecturer – Pastor Jonas Sommer – with several questions to solve our doubts, enjoyed at most every moment, so well directed by the Pastor-Professor.

This meeting, personally, was one of the most enriching – without disparaging the importance and greatness of the previous ones – for we had the opportunity of working and accomplishing group tasks, moments at which we exchanged thoughts, experiences and, of course, many laughs. The result of this new experience was more growth.

During the evenings, we had the privilege of being sheltered by our brethren of the Church in Bocaiúva, who so kindly and, once again, have received us and encouraged us to move on by saying “We pray and intercede for all TIME students”. Thanks to the brethren from Bocaiúva, may God bless them powerfully!

On the Sabbath, we had a special moment with God and the local church, when we attended the service, led and ministered by TIME students. The worship leader for that service was me, Heloise from Garuva/SC, and the preacher was André from São Paulo, who brought us a beautiful message about how we can find strength and cheering in the Lord in difficult times, using the story of David. Dear André, the message and experiences that you’ve shared with the church were uplifting and encouraging – Glory be to God for your life!

To spend those days with the brethren generated in me maturity and a greater admiration for our Workers, Deacons, Elders and Pastors, who enter the ministry and accomplish the Work of the Lord with joy. I understood that such dedication is a result of much love for the souls. I thank God for their examples of courage.

Still, I want to highlight the way how the whole meeting was conducted: by the Holy Spirit, who ministered at Pr. Jonas wisdom, meekness and patience, and that gave to us cheer, courage and reflection. God be praised for your willing, Pastor, including at this blessing your helper, Clarice (Jonas’ wife) and your son Marcos. Amen!

To those who put their eyes at these words, I make a humble petition: please, pray and intercede for all the students who are taking attending TIME, or so that somehow they are involved in this project from God. From your sister in Christ, Heloise Lemos.

## Bearing Fruit

### Gláucio – SDB Church in Bocaiúva do Sul/PR

On April 30 deacon Gláucio Correia de Souza took over as a worker, at the SDB Church in Bocaiúva do Sul, which had been pastored by Pastor Jonas Sommer.

Deacon Gláucio was a member of Canoinhas SDB Church and answered God’s calling to the fulltime ministry. The church in Bocaiúva do Sul has already started the process for his consecration to the Min-

istry.

## Douglas Marcelo – SDB Branch Church in Tubarão/SC

On March 21 brother Douglas Marcelo, from Canoinhas SDB Church, moved to Tubarão/SC, to take over the SDB Branch Church in Tubarão/SC. He took over as a worker on May 21, on

a special service with the presence of Pastor Wesley, from Joinville SDB Church in Joinville and the male quartet.

Tubarão is a branch church maintained by Joinville SDB Church. The congregation has already requested to the church in Joinville to start the process to consecrate him to pastoral ministry.



Pastor Wesley installing Douglas Marcelo as a worker at Branch Church in Tubarão/SC.

## SBD Chuch in Porto União

At a special worship service, with the presence of Pastor Reinaldo Velozo Martins Neto, from Curitiba SDB Church, Pastor Jonas was installed as interim pastor at Porto União SDB Church on June 19. The church is looking for a fulltime worker. Let's pray so that God raise more workers.

## Pray for:

1. The Northeastern TIME class. May God enable every student and may He move their hearts into a bigger and bigger commitment with His Kingdom.
2. Pastor Jonas, who was installed as an interim Pastor at Porto União SDB Church.
3. Douglas Marcelo, and his family, who moved to Tubarão/SC. May they have a blessed ministry there.
4. Deacon Gláucio and his ministry in Bocaiúva do Sul. May God anointed him, so he will have a fruitful ministry in that town. May the Lord also bless his family.
5. Our churches that don't have a pastor, may God call more workers for his harvest.



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