



# BAPTIST COURIERS FOR CHRIST

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## HOPE FOR THE VALLEY!

by Joshua Stertz

Happy New Year from the Couriers for Christ team! The year 2025 was an exciting time of growth and new horizons as God expanded the ministry to physically minister in places that we had never ministered before. Over the past five years we have sent containers of scriptures to needy places around the world including but not limited to Africa, India, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, and Brazil, as well as continuing to send millions of books to Europe. In the spring we held the three EPIC (Evangelizing People In the Caribbean) trips to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. We took over 50 people to those fields in February and March and saw the Lord work in, on, and through us. In case you missed them, feel free to view the articles written about those trips in our previous newsletters tab at [couriersforchrist.com](http://couriersforchrist.com).

Last fall we held our first official Couriers for Christ Campaign in southern Brazil. We worked with veteran missionary Nathan Ring, whom our home church took on for monthly support in 2013. It was such a privilege to see how the Lord put together the details of the trip as a team of 27 Americans from eight different states worked together alongside several dozen Brazilian believers to share the gospel in booklet form (John and Romans) with 10 different villages and cities over a two-week period. The terrain throughout the cities was very hilly, and our team members did a wonderful job of not complaining as they logged 10-20,000 steps daily. We figured that the whole team walked over 1,200 miles throughout the trip when the daily steps were totaled

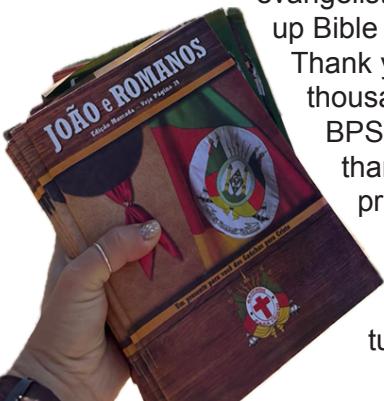
together! By God's grace, strength, and protection nearly 55,000 John and Romans were distributed, two evangelistic services were held, five people directly received Christ as Saviour, and two follow-up Bible studies are being held. All glory goes to God--for without him, we can do NOTHING!

Thank you to Bearing Precious Seed Seedline churches for assembling several hundred thousand Portuguese John and Romans for distribution as well as to our ministry partners at BPS, Milford, for their collaboration throughout the decades. We would like to say a special thank you to all who partner with us financially and bring us before the throne of grace in prayer. We couldn't do it without you and count it a privilege to serve the Lord together.

Over the next couple of months, there will be detailed stories shared from various parts of the trip. If you are on Facebook, I encourage you to follow the Baptist Couriers for Christ page. While on these outreaches, we keep a daily log of information, pictures, videos, etc., to keep those concerned informed.

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*The Hope for the Valley team from America*



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This was our first time to physically minister in South America, and it galvanized in our hearts the truth we already knew--that there are millions of people lost in spiritual darkness around the world. We are living in the last days, and I believe that God is opening a door for believers to share his precious gospel with this world now. It is important that we do all we can to be light and salt in the time we have left. **“To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death....”** - Luke 1:79 -



The following is a clip from Nathan Ring:

"Baptist Couriers for Christ have made an eternal impact on our mission field in Southern Brazil. Brother Josh Stertz along with the Couriers team came alongside us and helped us reach the gaúcho people, who are reeling from four devastating floods in a 12-month period. The Hope for the Valley Campaign provided our church-planting ministry with resources, logistics, man power, and a saturated prayerful effort over a two-week period. Besides the seed sown they gave our Brazilian believers a vision to continue with this type of large-scale seed-sowing endeavor. Thank you, Couriers and your partners, for co-laboring with us in Brazil."

Nathan Ring

Missionary serving in Brazil since 2014



Nathan and Josh presenting the hotel owner (where our team stayed on the campaign) with a Bible signed from the team.



Nathan preaching in a high school during the campaign.

Opposite page clockwise starting at top left: A group of young men praying before first evangelistic service in Roca Sales Campaign results to be revealed in eternity

Our teams ministering in schools

Giving copies of scriptures to each student and sharing the gospel

Giving the word of life to all who would willingly receive it!

Receiving Christ at the service in Roca Sales

Below left to right: The seed sown to hopefully take root in hearts

Countless steps going door to door giving the most important news ever

Another happy team "delivering the mail"





- John and Romans sown in Brazil to bear fruit that remains
- Follow-up Bible studies in Brazil
- Preparations for Stedfast for Stuttgart Campaign
- Seedline scripture assembly for needed German John and Romans
- Containers to safely reach their destinations over the next several months

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