

Would you protest, march, riot or even risk your life because the government raised the bus fare 10 cents? That is what happened in Brazil.



(Demonstrators)

While the 10 cent hike was just the “straw that broke the camel’s back”; that was the focus of the protests.



(Woman getting pepper sprayed)

Frankly, I have been wondering what it would take to make Brazil stand up and cry against the injustices; it has been smoldering for many years. The real unrest is due to years of lack of consideration from a government that places more emphasis on soccer than basic food and shelter for their own people. While millions go to crumbling schools; they build stadiums.



(Students)

Day after day people line up and spend hours in line to just get an appointment with a doctor while celebrities and athletes are treated like queens and kings. Children have no food and are starving and they spend billions on propaganda and politicians who promise a windfall from the upcoming World Cup of soccer and 2016 Olympics.



(Who will take care of me)

Games and events that the vast majority can only dream of seeing or attending.

Jer. 29:11 (NIV)

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” Declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”

They decided to raise the bus fare 10 cents and the majority of the people who are living on \$300-\$500 dollars a month; they already pay over \$100 dollars a month for a monthly bus pass,had enough. They rose up and said we will not take it anymore. Initially the police and politicians called them thugs and treated them as such with a very heavy hand. When the people refused to back down and continued their peaceful protests;the politicians had to ask for them to be treated with respect. While some acted like knuckle-heads, most were only exercising their right to protest and did so in an organized manner.Our partner Novidade church also sent our protestors. Their message was a little different than most. Their signs read “Ore Pelo Brasil” and “Deus e aquele quem muda as coisas”,translation, Pray for Brazil and God is the one who changes things. Many others joined this call for real change and I hope the fever is catching.



(Pray for Brazil)

The governments did eventually roll back the fare increase, but still have only made promises to further change. But God is good and the work is still going strong. Our partners are busier than ever maintaining and building works. Ana Paula has been rebuilding her work since releasing her position as pastor. She is emphasizing on evangelism and doing children’s works with other local ministries. She and Sandra are in 5 communities doing mostly open air events.



(Fun time)

She has been able to distribute hundreds of Bibles and Bible focused materials.



(Giving them the word)

Every time they do one there are several people who approach them and ask that they come to do one at their church or community.

She has partnered with Nilza, was one of our students and teachers from the original school. It is good to see that the seeds that were planted years ago are still bearing fruit.



(Sandra, Ana Paula & Nilza)

Nilza is now head of her church’s children’s ministry. With our partner Novidade de Vida church we are continuing to grow our food for the Soul and Body project. We are now feeding 100 families in some of the most impoverished areas of Sao Paulo. Ministering to them and making a change in how they live not only their physical lives but their spiritual lives.



(Nourishing the body)

We are planning an intense training program for all the workers and families. Carla Ives of Heart Cry ministries will be teaching and preaching both in Sao Paulo and Fortaleza in September. Her ministry has touched many lives throughout the world and we are privileged that she can bring her experience and anointing to our ministry. Please keep this event in your prayers. Please pray for the people of Brazil the winds of change are blowing.We just hope that they don’t blow so hot that the fire destroys any of the positive that has happened and is happening. We pray that the sleeping giant has risen and sweeps positive change over this country.That He keeps us all in His hand of protection and Grace.

