

Newsletter September - Greetings from Brazil!

Dear Mission Friend!

A new term with new opportunities has arrived. For Focus Business School, we have reached a new milestone at the beginning of this term. We have started our first class in the USA. Through our coordinator in Brazil, Mario Simoes, a Brazilian group in Orlando, Florida, requested to begin FBS. The school is organized with sessions held over four weekends. After the group started with the Portuguese material, a Spanish-speaking group in Orlando has now also asked to begin FBS. In September, Brazilian pastors from across the USA will gather in Dallas, and one of the pastors wants to introduce FBS to the other pastors in the group.

Benin

In mid-August, missionary Kent Deivard was in Benin to train the top leaders of the Pentecostal women's network, Servants of Christ. The network consists of 100,000 women in Benin, so the potential to impact the nation is enormous. Kent covered 35 out of 48 lessons, and the remaining lessons are planned for early next year. Participants wrote their calculations on the floor and illustrated the teaching through role-playing in their group work. After receiving the training, they will train other leaders to spread the teaching throughout the network.



Brazil

I'll let Pastor Marcelo from the city of Caetanopolis describe what FBS has meant for him and his congregation:

"I participated in FBS teacher training in Belo Horizonte in 2020. I already knew God as Creator, Savior, Healer, and Helper, but during the training, I was introduced to God as the Entrepreneur, which was completely revolutionary for me!

I decided to start teaching FBS to my church, which has about 200 members. Most of my church members were employees, and I only had a few entrepreneurs in my congregation. In the first group, we had 50 participants. We met once a week for 5 months. The results were outstanding. Many of them started their own businesses. At the beginning of 2021, we had a second group of about 30 participants. However, in the midst of the lessons, the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and we had to pause for a few months. After we were allowed to meet again, provided we maintained social distancing, we resumed the class, and 20 people graduated.

During the pandemic, we had two more classes, and we plan to start a fifth class in September. Today, most of our members are small business owners. For example, one of our students, Jacqueline, worked as a shop assistant in clothing stores since she was 14. After graduating from our third class, she started her own store and now has several employees. Her dream came true after 30 years, thanks to the training she received at FBS!

I praise God for the work of Pastor Marco Tomazi, who introduced FBS to Brazil, and Mario Simoes, who is now the coordinator for FBS in the country and is working to spread this beautiful service in Brazil.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly! Pastor Marcelo Oliveira"



Marco Tomazi was introduced to Focus Business School through the FBS coordinator in Greece. Marco translated the material into Portuguese and conducted several major teacher trainings in the country. In 2021, he left us to be with the Lord. His contribution to FBS in Brazil was invaluable.

Thailand

This week, we completed our translation into Thai. Thank you for your prayers!

With wishes for God's blessing,

Prayer Requests:

- That we complete the remaining translations – Urdu, Khmer, Hindi, Nepali, Amharic, Telugu.
- To reach a younger generation with FBS.
- More collaborators for FBS both in Sweden and internationally.
- Protection for all our collaborators.
- That we see many new businesses emerge through FBS.
- Miracle businesses developing from FBS.
- Grace and guidance from God in everything we do.

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