



30th Anniversary - AEI Brasil



Tutor Training - Cuparaque/MG



Primer Construction



Tutor Training - Laje/BA



41st Word of Life Congress



Tutor Training - Canarana/MT



Tutor Training - Kairós Mission/SP

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OPENING REMARKS

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters”

Colossians 3.23

Executive Summary

In 2024, AEI Brasil achieved 30 years of existence, and we praise the Lord for such longevity. We had the opportunity to celebrate this achievement, looking forward to executing the planning outlined for AEI Brasil in the next years, with actions related to the expansion of institutional visibility, improvement of the relationship with the target audience and the internal organization.

Ministry Highlights

At AEI Brasil, we were able to largely fulfill what we planned, especially regarding the reorganization of activities and the search for the establishment of new partnerships for the expansion of the ministry. We had monthly meetings to follow up actions planned and to establish new goals for the months ahead.

Face-to-face activities were resumed at the AEI Brasil Central Office, at ASPACAM's headquarters, providing better service to partners, to new people interested in implementing the literacy ministry in their churches, in addition to rescuing the historical record of the mission for future AEI Brasil expansion actions.

We also praise the Lord for finishing the primer for the new ethnicity, now needing the revision by a native translator, which is one of our great challenges for 2025.

Financial Highlights

We ended with a surplus, having cash resources for any contingencies, in addition to the amount blocked for use by AEI Brasil for primer printing, as stipulated by LEI, donor of the amount.

Thinking about the future

Improving accountability, expanding fundraising, stimulating greater engagement of partners, maintainers and supporters are among the goals for 2025!

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INTRODUCTION

Presentation of ASPACAM

Ação Social Presbiteriana Américo Cardoso de Menezes - ASPACAM is a non-profit charitable association whose purpose is to provide social assistance, with observance and ministry of the Christian faith, providing, among others, the following activities:

- Child and adolescent care;
- Assistance and guidance to youth;
- Assistance to the elderly and destitute;
- Educational and vocational assistance;
- Fight against hunger and poverty;
- Dissemination of culture and sport.

It was founded in 1957 to act as support to the Diaconal Board of the First Presbyterian Church of Belo Horizonte - PIPBH in social assistance to needy families in the church and congregations.

In February 1979, it became a legal entity and took over the orphanage Lar Maria da Glória, in Contagem/MG, which was facing administrative and financial difficulties. With this, it made it possible for about 42 inmates to continue to be assisted at the site, avoiding being transferred to the Fundação Estadual do Bem Estar do Menor - FEBEM.

In the 90s, after the redirection of all the inmates to their homes of origin, a process that lasted 6 years, the Centro de Referência Cristã - CRC was established, which began to serve mainly the families of the victims of the Barraginha tragedy, who were relocated to the Vila Itália neighborhood, next to CRC facilities.

Around 2008, Alfabetização e Evangelização Internacional - AEI Brasil became part of ASPACAM's portfolio of projects, focusing on adult literacy with biblical content, in addition to the construction of primers in native languages of peoples not yet reached by the gospel.

Key Maintainers and Partners

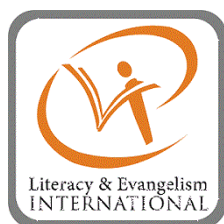
As a non-profit charitable association, ASPACAM is maintained with resources donated by partner institutions, legal entities and individuals who support the activities carried out through the projects mentioned above.

Currently the institution has the following maintainers and partners:



First Presbyterian Church of Belo Horizonte - PIPBH is the main supporter of ASPACAM, through the donation of resources that make up approximately 80% of the funding needs.

Conselho de Ação Social da Igreja Presbiteriana do Brasil - CAS/IPB is the second most important supporter, representing 10% of the institution's annual needs.



Literacy & Evangelism International-LEI is the main international partner for AEI projects, providing training, financial support and consultancy for the preparation of primers.

AEI BRASIL

AEI Brasil uses a methodology developed by LEI for adult literacy, teaching English as a second language and producing primers in native languages, always with biblical content.

AEI Brasil offers the following training: Literacy Tutor Training; Regional Coordinators Training; Primer Construction Training; and, recycling for tutors and coordinators. The teaching material for tutors and students, in different languages and local languages, is offered free of charge during the training.

AEI Brasil also provides guidance in structuring the Literacy Ministry in local churches, in addition to monitoring and support to regional coordinators.

AEI Brasil has a national presence, developing projects in partnership with different Christian institutions. The teaching methodology is practical and effective and can be used by churches, Bible Institutes, seminaries, and missionary agencies.

The training and experience acquired over the years make AEI Brasil an international reference, having great potential to support projects of the same nature in Portuguese-speaking countries.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS 2024

VII National Meeting of Leaders and Managers of Social Projects of CAS/IPB:

From 05/31 to 06/02, 4 (four) ASPACAM representatives participated in the VII National Meeting of Managers and Leaders of Social Projects of the CAS/IPB in Campinas, SP.

The ASPACAM delegation was composed of 2 (two) employees of the CRC, 1 (one) missionary of AEI Brazil, and 1 (one) member of the Board of Directors of the Institution.

The meeting aimed to share experiences, in addition to bringing topics of interest to Social Projects, aiming to improve the management of institutions and produce greater engagement of churches and the public served.



ASPACAM/AEI Brazil Team

Primer Construction:

In 2024, the work of developing the primer for the new ethnicity continued its course with weekly online meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the support of LEI advisors from the United States and Canada. The primer has been completed and now needs to be reviewed by a native translator, which is the great challenge for the year 2025.



Online Meeting - Primer Construction Team
(participation of consultants from the USA and Canada)

In 2024, AEI also resumed the construction of the Maxakali workbook, a very useful complement to fixing learning.

Training in Brazil and participation in conferences to disseminate AEI Brasil:

Training was carried out in various regions of Brazil, as shown in the following records:

	
Tutor Training - Divinópolis/MG	Tutor Training - Cuparaque/MG
	
Tutor Training - Belo Horizonte/MG	Tutor Training - Canarana/MT
	
Tutor Training - Laje/BA	Tutor Training - Kairós Mission/SP

AEI Brasil attended to two national events with the objective of disseminating the ministry to churches, missionaries and workers, presenting the methodology and resources offered for training and organizing the literacy ministry of young people and adults with biblical content. One of them was the 41st Congresso Palavra da Vida, held in Atibaia/SP, and the other was the Encontro de Mobilizadores e Líderes em Missões - EMOLIM, promoted by the Agência Presbiteriana de Missões Transculturais - APMT, held in São Paulo/SP.



Monthly Follow-up Meetings and Face-to-Face Activities at the Office in BH:

AEI Brasil Board of Directors decided to hold monthly meetings, on the second Wednesday of the month, to plan and monitor the ongoing activities. This initiative resulted in benefits for the entire group, with process alignment, better dissemination of the results obtained and motivation for the team.

Additionally, in August 2024, face-to-face activities were resumed at the AEI Brasil Central Office, at ASPACAM's headquarters, in Belo Horizonte/MG, providing better service to partners, to new people interested in implementing the literacy ministry in their churches, in addition to rescuing the historical record of the mission for future AEI Brasil expansion actions.

English as Second Language - ESL:

Our missionary Helsa Almeida is very active as a teacher in the ESL program, and 5 (five) students, in different levels of learning, are under her responsibility, .

Moment of Gratitude for the 30th anniversary of AEI Brasil:

On 11/17, during the 11:00 am Morning Service at the First Presbyterian Church of Belo Horizonte - PIPBH, the Moment of Gratitude for the 30 years of AEI Brazil.

This ministry began after Rev. Robert Biederman dissemination of LEI's work, at the PIPBH. In August 1994, after learning about the work, Ana Maria Cantão, then graduated in Letters, decided to go to the United States with her own resources, where she graduated as a Coordinator at Tulsa Literacy Institute, and soon after, with the support of PIPBH, AEI Brasil was started, when Ana served as National Director and first LEI Missionary in the country.

With the help of several volunteers, from 1994 to 1997 Ana Maria elaborated, corrected and improved various teaching materials in Portuguese, Spanish and Guarani. In addition, he gave several courses to teachers in fifteen states of Brazil and trained missionaries who would go to Africa and Latin American countries, promoting the dissemination of the work. In June 1998, Ana Maria and Rev. Robert Biederman got married in Brazil, and in July of the same year they carried out the first training for twenty-eight Coordinators, in addition to preparing several teachers, training the local team to continue the work, since in 1999 they went to live in the USA and became the International Directors for the work of AEI Brazil.

In Brazil, the work continued under the coordination of several brothers, culminating in the training of about five thousand teachers, three hundred coordinators and hundreds of literate students during these thirty years of ministry.



Moment of Gratitude for the 30th anniversary of AEI Brasil

ITEMS FOR PRAISE & PRAYER

Literacy and evangelism is a ministry that must be done under the total dependence of God, as the evil is surrounding, trying to produce discouragement, division, creating barriers against the expansion of God's kingdom.

That's why it's very important to have an agenda for praising and praying to God, strengthening the communion among all those engaged in this mission, lifting the needs to Him, the great I am, and giving thanks for the achievements.

Find below the items for praise & prayer regarding AEI Brasil:

- Praise:
 - The dedication of all missionaries and volunteers that has been in this mission since its beginning thirty years ago;
 - The funds received and used for the purpose of training, primer printing, dissemination of the mission, and other needs;
 - The finishing of the primer for the new ethnicity.
- Prayer:
 - Mobilization of new leaders for leadership succession in the coming years;
 - Development of new partnership with churches, Bible Institutes, seminaries, to expand the reach of the mission, especially in the areas where illiteracy index is high;
 - That God can change the heart of the authorities to remove the limitations imposed by the government to religious missions in reaching indigenous peoples.

MOST IMPACTFUL LEARNER TESTIMONY

Below we have what we consider the most impactful learner testimony of 2024, given by Núbia, a learner that saw AEI Brasil as an answer from God to her prayers for strategy to teach her mother to read:

"Sister, I get emotional when I remember this project. You know, I prayed a lot to God, I'm a teacher, I prayed a lot to God, after I accepted Jesus, asking the Lord for a strategy to teach my mother to read. And after she also accepted Jesus, she comes praying, her prayers are spontaneous, and she has a great desire to learn to read. And then I saw that with this project God did much more than I asked for. Because I'm not just going to learn to teach her. I will reach souls who do not yet know Jesus. And that's what I've been talking about here with the guys. I get goosebumps with emotion, because I want to win souls for Jesus through this project, you know! I want to touch, motivate other people so that they can also participate in this project. When I read "you know how to read, so teach one more" I thought it was fantastic."

All glory to the Lord, our God, that has given us the opportunity to serve Him, using teaching skills for literacy and evangelism to reach those He has chosen as His children.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

Find below the statistics for 2024, regarding the work done by AEI Brasil all over the country:

▪ Literacy classes:	N.A.
▪ Number of learners:	18
▪ New Bible readers / Learners graduated:	2
▪ Teachers trained:	53
▪ Primers constructed:	1
▪ Primers printed:	0
▪ Primers in library so far:	2 (Portuguese, Maxakali)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In 2024, we repeated the positive balance of previous years, thanks to the resources passed on by our maintainers and partners, in addition to donations received from various supporters. We were able to maintain the activities at AEI Brazil. We will enter 2025 with cash resources for any contingencies, in addition to the amount blocked for primer printing, as stipulated by LEI, donor of the amount.

Cash Flow Statement – AEI Brasil

Below are the incomes and expenses for the year 2024, reiterating that, of the total balance calculated, the amount of R\$86,612.91 can only be used for primer printing, and cannot be used for any other purpose, as agreed with LEI, donor of the resources.

Previous year's balance (2023)	90.006,68
Incomes	
First Presbyterian Church Donation	19.500,00
Training registration fee	1.510,00
Financial revenues	7.488,06
Income - Total	118.504,74
Expenses	
Direct	7.380,44
General	10.448,69
Reserves	100.675,61
Expenses - Total	118.504,74
Balance	0,00
Total Reserves	100.675,61
Available for Primer Printing	86.612,91
Yanomami	49.748,75
Portuguese	2.086,81
Maxacali	17.415,43
Guarani	17.361,93
Other uses	14.062,70

TARGETS FOR 2025

The targets set for 2025 are as follows:

- Publicize the ministry with a view to obtaining new partners and training new leaders for leadership succession in the coming years;
- Define the strategies for publicizing the ministry and target audience to be reached, aiming at the effectiveness of AEI Brasil's actions;
- Identify and participate in evangelical events in which the tool offered by the AEI Brasil may be of interest to the public, attracting new fronts of action.

WORD OF GRATITUDE

Seeing the needs of others and sympathizing with them, having attitudes that can help them change their perspectives is always a challenge for each one of us, especially in a society where individualism is always stimulated.

Charitable institutions, such as ASPACAM, fulfill the role of channeling and enhancing the individual efforts of those who are willing to help those in need. In our case, being a confessional institution, we value the formation of the character of those served, teaching Christian values and principles, with reference to the Holy Bible. Those assisted are encouraged to reflect on spirituality and instructed on the correct way to relate to God and neighbor.

Our gratitude to God could not be greater, considering that both at AEI Brasil and at CRC, we witnessed the fulfillment of the mission of not only welcoming the needy and offering them new perspectives, but also presenting the gospel of the Lord Jesus, power of God for salvation to everyone who believes!

This would not be possible without God's move in the instrumentality of our maintainers, partners, collaborators, volunteers and the Executive Board, whom we thank for their fidelity, willingness and engagement!

May the Lord continue to bless us in 2025 so that we can expect great things from Him for the projects conducted by ASPACAM, with our eyes always set on Christ, the reason for our history!

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen!”

Ephesians 3.20-21