

Brazil's Witnessing Explosion

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The sixth Brazil Home Group National Event

Our sixth Home Group National Event was held on September 7 in Brazil's national headquarters' main hall and simultaneously in twenty-four states. The total number of participants was 4,052. Among these people, 1,331 (32.8%) were guests from home groups, one-to-one Divine Principle study and *oikos*. [Oikos is Greek word and refers to making friends and only gradually introducing them to your religion when they are ready]. All the members in Brazil had a great union of heart over this victorious event. All over the country, the members and guests were very excited and full of energy to keep up with the home group activities looking for the national explosion toward Vision 2020's victory and to gladden God's heart and True Parents' hearts.

At event in the Brazil's headquarters, we had inspiring moments, such as the message delivered by the Rev. Shin Dong-mo, the president of the South American region. Rev. Shin is concurrently Brazil's Cheon Il Guk special envoy. Rev. Shin expressed his great love for the nation of Brazil by speaking in Portuguese. Another highlight was the speech given by Rev. Sasaki, the president of FFWPU-Brazil.

He showed a slide show of photographs that demonstrated how exciting Brazil's home groups are. One home group leader that is experiencing great success in his outreach work and achieving weekly goals spoke to members throughout Brazil about this activity has brought profound improvements in her family situation.



Musical performances entertained the participants

Seeking spiritual fortune

Through the state and national awards for the people and missions that are bringing prodigious results, rather than only acknowledging the members' efforts, we tried to emphasize the importance of seeking to connect with heavenly fortune and obtain great results by doing what God wills.

Home groups and unity

The entry of the home group flags was a genuinely exciting moment. All the home group leaders came onstage with their flags

designed to represent the essence of their views of home group, faith and outreach. Together, we sang the Korean song "Sarang Hae." At that moment, we experienced a very special spiritual atmosphere.

We saw clearly that through the home group providence the church environment is changing and the unity of heart among the members is strengthening.

Coming closer to Mother

We also took the opportunity at the event to reward those dedicated people all around Brazil with a "holy object" (an article of True Mother's clothing) and recited a Resolution of Blessed Families.



Lottery winners

Another very special point of the event was the musical performances, which had a high spiritual essence and exhibited practical talent and skill; these appear to fill the hearts of all those that experiences the performances with joy.

An especially deep impression was made by the presentation of the youth, CARP-Brazil. Through their presentation, hearts were gladdened. They showed the strength of the young people with their tremendous energy and firm internal foundation. Many parents that were in the audience cried when seeing

their children, second- generation Unificationists among many other young people full of talent and energy dedicating themselves to God with a pure motivation.

At our national communication time, via Skype, between São Paulo and the other states, we could see that our home group work is growing in each location in Brazil and increasing members' hope as it develops. The leaders in Brazil's states felt that this national communication time and generally increased communication with the national headquarters is a good way to attract the heavenly fortune for the development of their activities.



Each home group has a distinctive name and flag

Loving guests

As an expression of deep love for our guests, around 1,300 all around Brazil, we held a drawing for prizes, including such gifts as notebook computers, LCD televisions, tablet (computers), microwave ovens and bicycles. Our intention was to help guests feel God's love through this event and that this would increase their commitment to firmly engaging with their home group, one-to-one Divine Principle study or oikos activities in their areas. In some states, such as Rio de Janeiro and Goiás, for example, the number of guests is larger than the number of members, reaching 60 percent of those attending the event. Surely, it was very exciting to see so many guests that came through home groups, one-to-one Divine Principle study or oikos activities. After the event, through home groups throughout Brazil, we can easily continue taking care and loving the life of each one of them. They will join a home group, do one-to-one Divine Principle study and attend workshops, eventually accept True Parents, the Divine Principle and become a church member. At the end of this process, they will continue preparing to receive the

blessing, go through the Blessing Ceremony, become blessed family members and heavenly tribal messiahs.

Testimony from Brumado, Brazil

Through the home group activities and this event, members are very excited and feel hope about the possibility for a national explosion in witnessing results. As an example, we have the municipality of Brumado. The pastor there, Oldair Almeida, said, "Home group activity have become a part of our lives. The members are full of joy and saying, "My home group is my life and I love the home groups." Since initiating home group outreach, the church environment has changed. There is not enough space in our church for the home group event. Next time, we will have to search for bigger place."

Testimony from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

We have here the testimony of the Rio de Janeiro pastor, Rev. Roberto, who won first place in our national award for victorious home groups activities.

"September 7 was a fantastic day! We began the event connected with the national headquarters following

the national schedule.

It was so exciting to see Rev. Shin again making an effort to give his speech in Portuguese, speaking words to motivate us in the heavenly messiah tribal providence in Brazil. Many guests were touched by each home group's musical performance. The majority of them said that the best, most memorable part was the testimonies. I see that we are really progressing in each event. I noticed the great improvement and growth of the home group leaders. Each group was well trained. Many leaders had been shy, but now they showed so many skills and charisma when it comes to guiding their guests. Everyone was highly motivated and excited. In fact, I am amazed about what is happening in the home group providence.

This kind of event is fantastic, the amount of energy that flows is huge! This gives us more courage and inspiration to keep going and growing. Especially, I appreciated the Blessed Families Resolution, established in front of God and True Parents."

Full of gratitude, we offer this sixth Home Group National Event to God and True Parents. We are very thankful for their love and sincerity for this nation, Brazil. We feel that we are improving and growing day by day and increasing our foundation and our hopes for a national witnessing explosion, victory in our heavenly messiah tribal mission and success in Vision 2020.