

# SAMARITAN STRATEGY PROJECT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



## LEADERSHIP TRAINING A gift that keeps on giving

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.” John 1.4

We entered 2023 with 130 Kingdom workers in our network (Harvest field included), serving them daily with training and mentorship. We have never been so happy as when we can be catalysts, the agents of change and action, proclaiming the love of God in word and deed.

We have been called to be catalysts of change in a broken world, like Carol Quintanilla and her mother, Priscila. They are the youth ministry leaders at PIBBLA, the First Baptist Brazilian Church of Los Angeles.

As part of one of our trainings they did a seed project, a youth camp, where a young lady gave her life to Jesus. From that camp the youth group was formed. How grateful we are for the spread of the gospel through them. People have showed and told others that God loves the world, that they once were sinners, but Jesus died for them and paid the penalty for their guilt! Moving from heavy hearts to real joy and peace, let us join Priscila, Carol and the youth group, celebrating the presence of Jesus with us!



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### PROJECT COORDINATORS

- Cleiton and Elly Oliveira

### PLACE

- United States of America

### YEAR

- 2022

### PRAYERS

- Pray for PIBBLA, the First Baptist Brazilian Church of Los Angeles, and their Pastors Miguel and Cristina Albanez.
- Pray for the Youth Ministry at PIBBLA, and for their leaders Priscila and Carol Quintanilla.

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### MULTIPLICATION

The leaders of PIBBLA have been the catalysts of demonstrations of God’s love in tangible ways in Los Angeles.

**DISCIPLING CHURCH LEADERS TO DISCIPLE THEIR PEOPLE TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS.**

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“Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules.”

2 Timothy 2.5

“Mission on Wheels” is like Jonathan called the bike ride that church members of Iglesia Puertas Abiertas did on a Sunday afternoon after service. The church wanted to increase integration with its neighbors as a way to show God’s love for the community.

They prayed, prepared, shared a digital invitation, and brought their bikes to church. As they went out, they prayed together, talked to people who were walking their pets, reached out to families sitting on their porch and to homeless people, including a couple struggling with drug addiction who were recently released from prison. The believers shared the gospel and information about a rehabilitation program in a nearby church and prayed with them. As an evaluation of their small project, Pablo said, “There is so much work to do in the community!”

From disconnect to integration, Iglesia Puertas Abiertas has moved one step closer to its community in the district of Sunnyslope. Neighbors who did not know that the church existed were glad to be invited for a visit, and the most vulnerable were cared for. Church members who did not participate started to ask about the next bike ride. Thus, the initiative blessed the church as much as the community.



## PROJECT COORDINATORS

- Cleiton and Elly Oliveira with José and Gabriela Castañeda

## PLACE

- Phoenix, Arizona - USA

## YEAR

- 2023

## PRAYERS

- Pray for Iglesia Puertas Abiertas and its presence in the community.
- Pray for Sunnyslope, may God’s Kingdom be manifested in all areas of this community.

## MULTIPLICATION

Church members willing to multiply the experience of integration with their neighbors, expanding God’s Kingdom in their community and beyond.



## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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Cefas Oliveira and Gezer Pires traveled 2,660 miles to help two churches that were 15.53 miles apart from each other. The Lord used their sacrificial obedience by strengthening the identity of each church and, at the same time, increase their collaboration. That was a wonderful display of God's Kingdom on earth.

Three years ago, Pastor Adainor from the Water Fountain Baptist Church in Pueraquequara, Amazon, went to fix the roof of the church and suffered a fall, becoming quadriplegic and losing his sight and voice. After his accident, little by little, church activities ceased, their building and the pastoral house were in disrepair, and only five members were still there.

When, at the Harvest training, the Presbyterian Church of Promorar - Vila Verde Tarumã heard about them, Pastors Thales and Raimundo planned a seed project to help Pastor Adainor and repair the building. They also did seed projects to fix a bus stop and were in contact with city administrators. The city saw their needs and their initiatives, and brought the asphalt to the church street.

After several seed projects, the buildings were recovered. Now, together, God's people from different traditions are dreaming about a mission center in one of the repaired buildings to serve people around the Amazon River. After the Harvest training and with the support of Vila Verde Tarumã, the church that had only five people has now held services with more than 25 participants during the week. May the Lord be glorified!



### PROJECT COORDINATOR

- Cefas Oliveira with Cleiton Oliveira

### PLACE

- Amazon, Brazil

### YEAR

- 2023

### PRAYERS

- May the Lord continue to provide for Cefas, Gezer, and their families.
- May the work in the Amazon be fruitful in all areas, and Pastor Adainor and his wife Raimunda encouraged.

### MULTIPLICATION

Pastors, missionaries, and church leaders willing to multiply SamS trainings in the Amazon region.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

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On March 8, “The International Women’s Day” was mentioned several times during the zoom panel “Churches that adopted wholistic ministry”. Recognized as a day to celebrate the achievements of women, the participants acknowledged the presence and service of women in God’s Kingdom in many ways.

David and Manu Gimenez, raising three daughters who love being involved in ministry with their parents, started Samaritan Strategy projects 4 years ago in Paraguay. They shared about “Agape Soccer”, a project blessing teenagers in a needy area, letting them experience the love of God through His family, with biblical instruction, food, clothing, psychological assistance, and school tutoring. Kids coming without role models, start to grow like Jesus and celebrate their new life through baptisms.

Virgilio and Marileys Reyes heard teachings of Samaritan Strategy more than 20 years ago in Carapita, Venezuela. They shared about the outreach to more than 500 children through the school “Arco de Triunfo” and the churches planted in three districts of Caracas. After sisters Nancy and Aida’s seed project of food distribution, the church “Saved to Serve” was born. Virgilio and Marielys are currently building a multi-use community center and church to accommodate 300 people.

Xiomara Suarez, from Venezuela, did the Spanish-English translation of the panel and shared her vision of community, which spread to several churches. Fabiola Zegarra, from Peru, met for the first time and thanked Xiomara for the video “Carapita”, an important tool for her calling when Ruth Concha, a late Harvest staff, showed the video in a class at the “Alliance Seminary” where Fabiola had her theological training. Pat Mensah from Ghana, and Gabriela Castañeda from the USA gave encouraging messages to all participants.

Harvest associate Meshack Okumu, from Kenya, closed the panel with prayer and Stephen Mosheni commented afterwards, “I am blessed every moment I get to fellowship as we are a family and co-workers in God’s vineyard.”



### PROJECT COORDINATORS

- Cleiton and Elly Oliveira

### PLACE

- Global Harvest - Online

### YEAR

- 2023

### PRAYERS

- Praise God for the advance of His Kingdom in Paraguay and Venezuela.
- May God’s provision and healing flow in the Gimenez, Reyes, and Suarez families.

### MULTIPLICATION

Three women who were encouraged to take active roles in ministry will lead Samaritan Strategy projects.