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## PORTUGUESE: THE WORLD'S SEVENTH MOST SPOKEN LANGUAGE

We are pleased and blessed to have a part in providing biblical exposition for some 270 million Portuguese-speaking people worldwide! To the surprise of many, a newspaper promoting Brazil recently headlined the universal spread and use of Portuguese. The article quotes *UNESCO* as saying that in Europe, second to English, Portuguese is the fastest growing foreign language throughout southern Africa and South America. The article closes with "the expected future of Portuguese is one of continual growth." This should give our books a wide potential for strengthening believers in the faith.



## **MISSIONS CONFERENCE NOTES**

We were specially blessed at our church's annual missions conference with the presence of Jeff and Sally Roth who are now laboring in Nicaragua.

Our many years of friendship were capped with learning how the Lord is now using these dedicated missionaries.



Ken and Mary with Jeff and Sally Roth

Thank you again for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support. We praise the Lord for you and your participation with us in this vital ministry.

"We are laborers together with God" 1 Corinthians 3:9.

Ken and Mary



We were gratified with reports that the books are serving as a basic resource in various teaching situations to enlarge upon scriptural passages. Those who participate will be spiritually strengthened to minister to their own people.

Alex Gulart, GMI missionary in Paraway, sent an email some time ago requesting our books as some thousands of people from Bangladesh in South Asia had crossed the Brazilian border into Paraguay; they all spoke Portuguese. So we sent Alex some books.

Also Joseph Asong, a GMI Missionary in Malawi, spoke at a missions conference at our home church. He was overjoyed to know that material is available in Portuguese for use in spearheading a new ministry in Mozambique. The books were sent, arrived five months later, and were then carried by leaders to Mozambique.

## **REMINISCENCES**

We are greatly blessed by obeying God's call to do the writing in the United States where we have such good computer service and maintenance. We do miss, however, the contact with believers and those to whom we ministered in Brazil. Please forgive us for a few nostalgic moments represented by these two photos.



Mary teaching a group of women. After her Bible study, Mary led one of these women to accept Christ as Savior culminating 21 years of prayer for her salvation



Afterglow—speaking at a conference in Santa Catarina, South Brazil

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