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When we arrived in the city of Viamão, Brazil, in February of this year, I felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the faithfulness of the Lord. During the twenty-one years that we lived on the mission field, the Church in Viamão had become a second home for us and an integral part for the outreach ministry of the SOC. From 2006 until 2013 Viamão hosted the SOC every year in January. By 2014, practically the entire





ministerial staff of the Church had been through the SOC. At that point Brother Brian Larsen and Pastor David Mattos were led to hold a yearly convention of the SOC in January instead of the entire SOC. This, however, was with the understanding that one day the Church would once again need the the entire SOC taught. That year was 2025. After 11 years of waiting on the Lord's time, navigating the challenges of the 2020 pandemic, the Lord by His grace and faithfulness brought us back to teach the SOC once again.

From the first day, we knew the Lord was working on the lives of every student

present. We had nearly 80 students and over 70% of the class had never been through the SOC. In fact, we were blessed to have had a wonderful group of young people who were not even born when we held the first SOC in 2006! These details left a great impact in our lives as we are now witnessing the next generation being impacted by the lessons of the SOC! We did not have facilities to house the students, so our days began at 8AM to allow enough time for every student to arrive. We started with an hour of prayer, followed by a full day of teaching and ending with another hour of

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Matthew 25:10 "But while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut."

Wherever God allows me to go in this fulfillment of the Great Commission, I hear the voice of the Lord saying, "Preparation." I do not believe we have enough time to prepare the bride. The return of our King is imminent.

The nation of Bolivia is a door that the Lord has opened so that the church can receive this message of Pentecost. Since 2008, we have constantly worked with different pastoral groups, especially with pastors of the Assemblies of God.

Every year, we raise a significant harvest of men and women who come to be empowered by the message of



Pentecost and come out with a vision of redeeming the time that we have left.

We held the School of Christ in the South in La Paz, in an area called Valencia. Twenty-eight students gathered at the church led by Pastor Juan Carlos, who welcomed us with much joy as host. He prepared the conditions and environments necessary for the School's healthy development.

Pastor Rodolfo, a student, testified, "I did not think God would confront me so strongly in this School of Christ. I have been through many theological schools, but nothing like the School of Christ. My ministry was in crisis, and



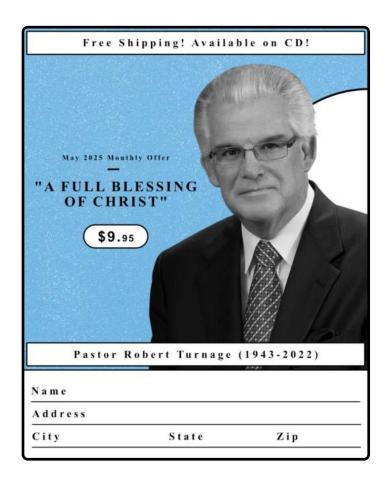
now I see the cause. I need to return to the altar."

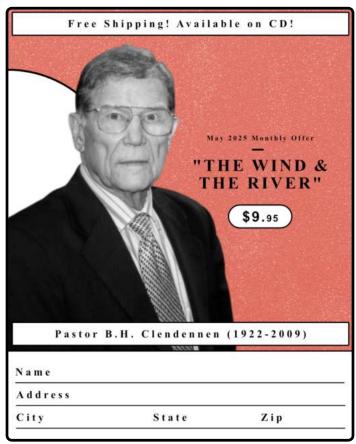
While I was having lunch, sitting next to Pastor David Condori, I asked him how he came to attend the School of Christ. He began to tell me about his experience. "A few days before the School began, my wife looked at me



We had a blind student attending this School. He was skilled with his computer and very attentive to each class. We were impressed with his enthusiasm and discipline despite his disability.

He said, "I thought this School would be OK, but now my eyes have seen the Lord in every lesson I studied. I will seek God's presence with my family and preach this Gospel. I will never again feel sorry for myself because now I know what I received at the School of Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit."





tenderly and said sweetly, 'I think you need renewal of the Spirit. I believe that only in the School of Christ you will find it.' That is exactly what I am experiencing: a renewal of the Spirit in my life. I am returning home with a different vision to empower my church with the Holy Spirit. God is good!"

Pastor Clendennen said, "Give a revived church to a dead man, and I will show you a preacher who killed it." What a great truth.

Every morning and evening, the personal prayer times were filled with brokenness and tears. Every student was revived and filled with the Holy Spirit. I cannot stop thanking all the men who led this work in Bolivia, such as Pastor Arturo Casas, a tireless man of God. Pastor Wilfredo Gomez is a man from the highlands of La Paz; He does not rest preaching this Gospel. I am grateful for the life of Pastor Edwin Cabrera, who spares nothing so that the work of God advances in his nation. Finally, I am grateful for the life of Pastor Juan Bohorquez, who graduated in 2009 from the School of Christ and who is currently the president of the Assemblies of God in Bolivia. God is good!



Students of the SOC in Viamão - Brazil 2025

We were young people full of ourselves, and indifferent towards other because of our differences. God brought us together during the last five days of the school. When the school began, we were not united, we were very individualistic and full of unforgiveness. We allowed ourselves to be influenced by outside opinions, but during the SOC all these feelings began to be crumble. At the end, we are all now sitting together during the lessons! There was a drawing together in unity by the Love of Christ. We created a group with the commitment that wherever we go in Viamão, and anywhere else we would seek to preach the Gospel. All the Honor we give to God, and we thank you Pastor for allowing yourself to be used by the Lord."

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prayer around 5PM. On Wednesdays, Pastor David felt led to call the entire Church to a 24 hour fast. These were 2 weeks of complete consecration to the Lord. After the final evening prayer, we would then preach in the different congregations around the city. The Lord moved greatly in these two weeks! We saw brothers and sister being baptized and renewed in the Holy Spirit. We also witnessed a sister, who suffered previously with excruciating back pains, being strengthened to walk a round trip of 30 minutes to and from the school every day! Young people even testified of having been full of themselves previously, but after the SOC, they stood

committed to preaching the Gospel anywhere God would lead them to! Bitterness and unforgiveness were dealt with at the altar, and by the final day the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the entire class! Many students testified afterwards that they felt the call of God upon their lives, and they willingly



answered, "here am I!" One young brother shared with Brother Brian that he could feel the weight of the lost souls upon his shoulders. For all of this, all we can say is, To God Be The Glory!

Due to time constraints we were only able to teach the first half of the SOC. However, we have already scheduled a return trip next year to teach the final half. We are looking forward to all that God is going to do through the lives of each brother and sister who surrendered themselves at the altar! Thank you for your continued prayers and support so that we may continue the world missions training and outreach through this vital missions ministry.