

THE CROSSROADS

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VIEWING PEOPLE AS GOD VIEWS PEOPLE: PRECIOUS

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I've felt it before. The understated ease of becoming friends with someone based only on our shared faith in Jesus. In Bible School it was easy to feel like you were friends with everyone, because whether we shared the same hobbies or not, we all had faith in Jesus. As individuals, we grow closer to God through reading the Word and praying; but we also grow closer to our brothers and sisters in Christ through those same things. God is a central point we all desire to be near. When I experienced this same feeling in another country, I was completely caught off guard. Where language barriers and cultural differences seem to separate us, God brought us together. It's wonderful to say I truly made friends in Brazil.

It started with the missionaries. They were families I had only

ever heard stories of before. I knew of them, but I didn't know them. But that didn't matter. They were happy to welcome us into their homes and ministries. All that mattered was that we shared in the desire to teach people about Jesus. They told us about the history of their churches, the struggles of their neighbors and friends, the countless ways God has worked miracles, and about His never-ending faithfulness.

It continued with the Brazilians. People I had never met before were also so welcoming. Inviting us to play soccer and volleyball, play on the playground, share a snack, and worship God with them. They wanted to hear our stories and hear how God brought us to salvation. They wanted to pray for us and our struggles.

UPCOMING TRIPS

- Oaxaca, Mexico — Aug 9-18, 2025 - Applications Closed
- Israel — November 7-17, 2025
- FLBC Student Trip — Spring 2026
- Uganda — Summer 2026

If you or your church have an interest in going on a trip, we can walk through the process with you.

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They wanted pictures with us and our phone numbers so they could stay in touch. They want to remember us just as much as we want to remember them.

I've never considered myself a relational person. I struggle to appreciate the common ground I have with so many people around me, and I can often lack compassion on people who are different. But in Brazil I was different. Everyone I'd met was so precious to me, because they are precious to God.

They are fearfully and wonderfully made in His image, and His light radiates out of them. It radiated onto me. I'm starting to view my family, friends, fellow church goers, and coworkers as precious too. Although I'm surprised that was one of the things God taught me on the trip, I'm so glad He did. What a joy it is to view everyone as precious souls wonderfully made in God's glorious image and know that a friendship with them is probably just waiting to grow.

– Heidi Mundfrom

“BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE IS FROM GOD; AND EVERYONE WHO LOVES IS BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD. THE ONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, FOR GOD IS LOVE. BY THIS THE LOVE OF GOD WAS MANIFESTED IN US, THAT GOD HAS SENT HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON INTO THE WORLD SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM.”

1 JOHN 4:7-9

MISSIONARY ASSISTANTS

- Michelle Abel – Missionary Assistant to Brazil – Currently Serving
- Kyle Gorman – Missionary Assistant to Switzerland – July-August 2025
- Isaiah Floan – Missionary Assistant to Switzerland – July-August 2025
- Joey Richardson – Missionary Assistant to Paraguay – August 2025-Spring 2026

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