



RESTOREBRAZIL



PLANTING GOSPEL-CENTERED CHURCHES IN BRAZIL

## ISAIAH 61:4

{GOSPEL RESTORATION}

"THEY SHALL BUILD UP THE  
ANCIENT RUINS;

THEY SHALL RAISE UP THE  
FORMER DEVASTATIONS;

THEY SHALL **RESTORE**  
THE RUINED CITIES,

THE DEVASTATIONS OF  
MANY GENERATIONS."











## **Social Activism**

The Gospel & The Fight Against Violence in Brazil



Violence is the most serious social problem  
at this moment in Brazil.



Comparative Analysis: For every 100,000 people

In Italy, 1 is killed

In Chile, 1.7 killed

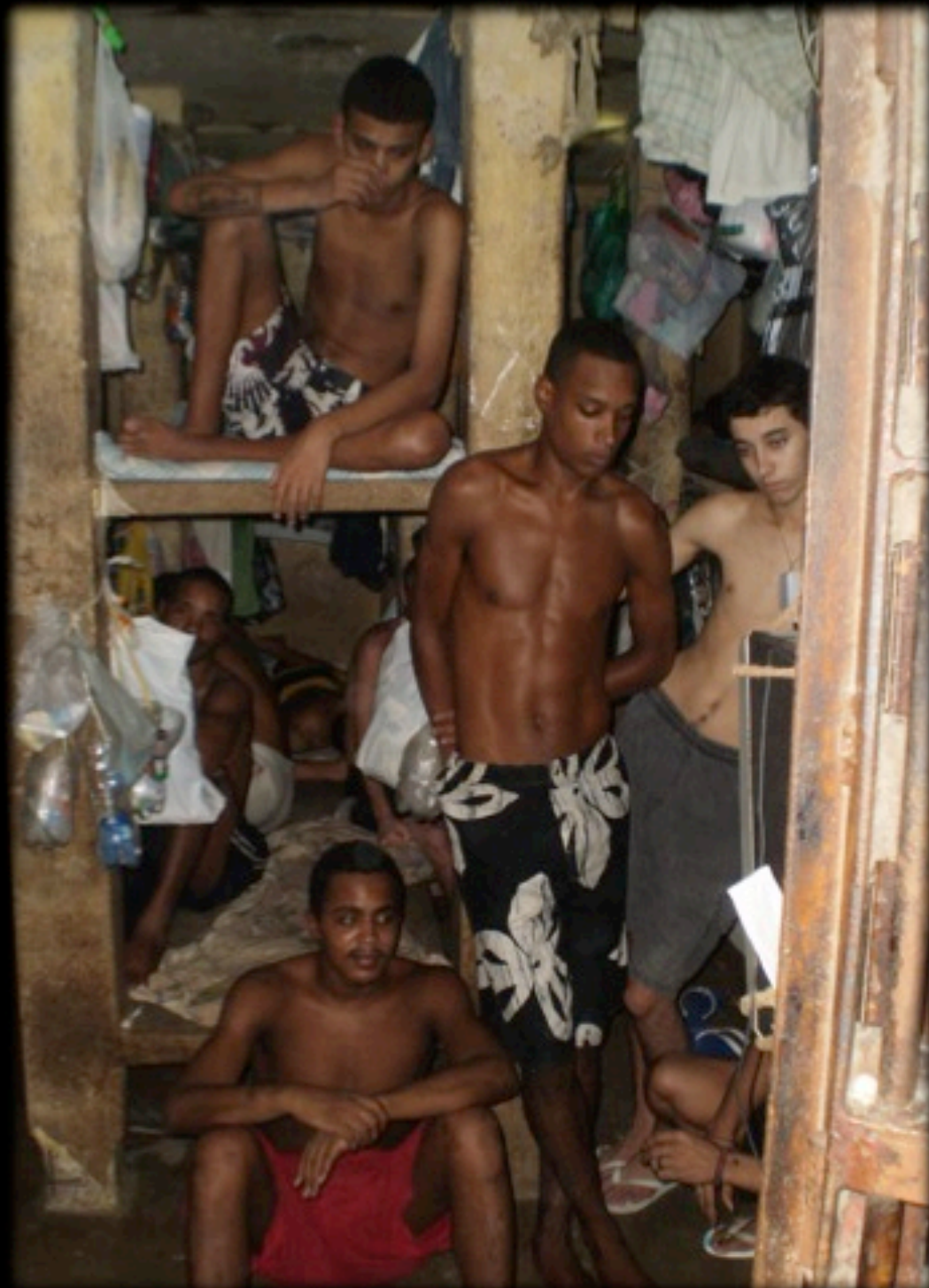
In the US, 5.6 killed

In Brazil, 27 killed

In Rio de Janeiro, 40 are killed for every 100,000 people.

In the past three years in Rio de Janeiro alone, 23,050 people died violent deaths. This puts Rio de Janeiro almost in a war-zone category.

What does it mean to be faithful to the Christian gospel in such a context, marked by so much injustice and violence?





## Obstacles

1. Brazil does not have a culture of popular participation
2. The church does not believe in social & cultural change
3. Evangelicalism lacks credibility
4. No historical reference for the human rights movement
5. Pluralistic worldview





We are confident that if our speech  
was just riddled with evangelical vocabulary,

we would only be talking today  
inside the four walls of a church.

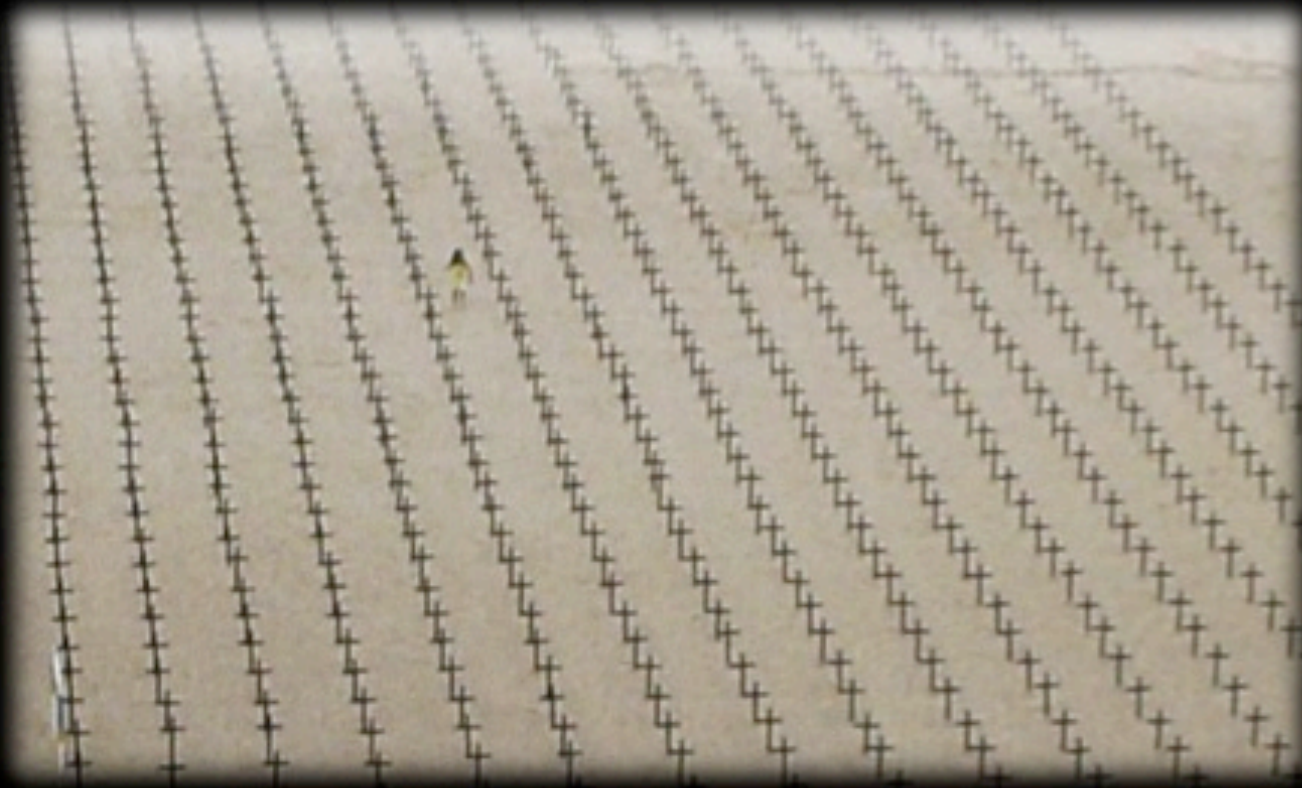


The result of Rio de Paz's social activism in Brazil:

1. We have given a voice to the poor.
2. We have become a phenomenon of spontaneous media.
3. Evangelistic bridges have been created in multiple cultural domains.
4. Brazilian universities have opened the door to hear our perspective.
5. Leading newspapers in Brazil publish our editorials.
6. We are sources for various media outlets, which often inquire to know our views on matters relating to the subject of public safety



7. We are affiliated with the United Nations, invited to participate in debates worldwide on prevention of crime.
8. We are in negotiation with Amnesty International to develop partnerships in the area of human rights in Brazil.
9. Actors, artists, and musicians are engaged with the movement.
10. We have entered the prison system, bringing dignity to thousands of prisoners and making public their demands.
11. The Brazilian government has begun to address some of our key demands, such as establishing a target reduction of homicides in Rio de Janeiro slums and occupation of that area were under armed for drug traffickers.
12. Churches are beginning to gain social awareness in Brazil through our influence. This could be the awakening of a sleeping giant.



By giving responses to the social problem of violence,  
many are understanding an intellectual  
framework of the Christian faith.

This has served not only as a means of Gospel proclamation,  
but most of all, we believe brings honor & glory to Jesus Christ.