

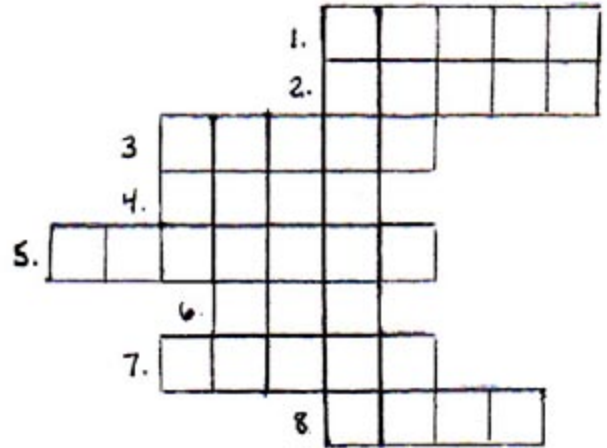


Dear Friend,

Every so often we like to review the acronyms we use for the ministries we're involved with in Brazil. For old-timers, this should be easy. If you're new to our scene, you might want to hold on to this letter for future reference.

Use the clues to fill out the acrostic, choosing from the list below (answers at the bottom).

- OCI: One Challenge International
- GAVS: Grupos de Apoio para Vítimas e Sobreviventes
- REVER: Restaurando Vidas, Equipando Restauradores
- TOPIC: Trainers of Pastors International Coalition
- MAPI: Ministério de Apoio para Pastores e Igrejas
- SEPAL: Serviço de Evangelização Para a America Latina
- MLINK: MentorLink
- Writing: Not an acronym, but important to all the others!



1. Goal: every church with equipped and maturing pastoral leadership. This year a Brazilian will assume from David presidency of the Brazil branch.
2. Focus: emotional and relational restoration of individuals and families, and training of lay restoration teams in local churches.
3. The name our mission uses in Latin America. We're excited that Ted Limpic is preparing Josué Campanhã to assume team leadership.
4. "Support Ministries for Pastors and Churches"—David's principal ministry, starting officially in Bolivia this month when Dave travels there the 7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.
5. Although Sepal's publishing house had to close in 2004, we are working now with Editora Vida, the largest distributor of Christian books in Brazil.
6. Our mission agency, with headquarters in Colorado Springs.
7. Uses popular terminology for what we call "pastoring of pastors." You'll be hearing more about our budding partnership with this organization.
8. Support groups for survivors of sexual abuse.

Vertically, you can see the common thread that holds all of these efforts together: TRAINING. This is our passion, rooted in Eph. 4:11-12 and 2 Tim. 2:2. It's not enough just to do ministry. We believe that God has called us to equip others with the vision for preparing yet others. We are constantly trying to "work ourselves out of our jobs," to make ourselves dispensable as others assume leadership. We're interested in building the Kingdom in practical ways that will far outlast ourselves. As the Brazilian church becomes healthy, it will multiply its fruitfulness in mission to other parts of the world, where Americans are not welcomed.

THANK YOU for sharing the adventure with us!

*Debbie and David*

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