

The Antioch Partners

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Dear Friends of The Antioch Partners (TAP),

TAP is fully committed to the missional church paradigm. Our God is a missionary God, and we, his people, are a missionary people. As Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch write, "God is a sending God, with a desire to see humankind and creation reconciled, redeemed and healed. The missional church, then, is a sent church. It is a going church, a movement of God through his people, sent to bring healing to a broken world" (The Shaping of Things to Come).

The implications of this are massive and profound, and it is why TAP was launched, namely, because we believe God wants to "send" many more Presbyterians to participate in his mission in the world. We believe every follower of Jesus is a missionary; the question is where and to whom are we being sent. For those being called by God to serve cross-culturally, special training, support structures and expertise are needed, and that is what TAP provides. This means we have the great joy of coming alongside Presbyterians who are being called by God to cross-cultural ministry, and in partnership with their local churches, we help them get from where they are now to where God is calling them to be.

Tim, Debbie and Jonathan Dunn



I want to introduce you to one of these families, the Dunn Family, who I mentioned in our December 2008 TAP Update. Tim and Debbie Dunn are preparing to serve in leadership development through TAP in Brazil. TAP is partnering with a Brazilian mission agency, SEPAL (**S**erving **P**astors **A**nd **L**eaders), in supporting the Dunns in their ministry. SEPAL is committed to

leadership development, as well as to sending 200 new Brazilian missionaries throughout the world by 2015.

Tim recently retired from Delta Air Lines after a 22 year career. He has long been committed to God's mission in the world, and he developed a passion for the Brazilian people through Debbie, the daughter of PCUSA missionaries. After being ordained as a PCUSA Minister in 2007, Tim was called as the part-time Associate Minister of Multicultural Ministries at Ray-Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia. Tim is continuing his education through the Doctor of Missiology program at Fuller Theological Seminary. His desire is to be used by God to help the Brazilian Church grow through evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, church planting and mission mobilization. Debbie is a career music educator who has taught choral and general music in public and private schools at elementary and high schools. She has also served in a number of churches where she has led children's and youth choirs. Debbie's desire is to help children praise God. As SEPAL works to increase the number of Brazilians serving cross-culturally and strengthen the leadership development and care, not only of these missionaries, but for Christian leaders throughout Brazil, the Dunns will be contributing in significant ways.

I highlight the Dunns because they are in the process of developing their support team. If you, or your church, are interested in joining the Dunn's support team, please contact us here at the TAP Office and we will connect you with the Dunns.

Finally, as we mentioned in our last update, our preference is to communicate with you, our ministry partners, through email. Thus, it would be a great help if you could send an email to us (admin@theantiochpartners.org) giving us your name and the best email for us to use (if you represent a church, please indicate the name of the church as well). Thanks in advance for your help with this!

Serving together,



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