



Brazil Mission Report - November 2006

We went to participate in an International Evangelistic Fire Sowers Conference in Brazil. These are organised several times a year in different regions of Brazil, and speakers are invited from various nations.

We ministered in 12 churches and in a stadium, and in three Brazilian states: Sao Paulo (SP), Mato Grosso do Sul (MS) and Mato Grosso (MT).

For the most part, LaVonne introduced us and brought a short word or a song. Eric then usually preached on "Knowing Jesus." As was the case last year, the Lord wanted this message given when visiting a church for the first time. If we were in a church for more than one service, the Lord invariably wanted "The Man of God's Right Hand." There were two occasions when LaVonne was appointed to preach; and on these occasions the appointed subject was healing and keeping your healing.

Evangelical Philadelphia Church, Rio Claro - SP, Tuesday 7th

We were met at the Sao Paulo International Airport by Pastor Marcos and his assistant, Pastor Mario, who drove us for 2-3 hours to Rio Claro. The church is hidden behind farm buildings outside the city.

We had a wonderful service. Pr Paulo, our interpreter was nervous, apologetic and rather short of words in terms of English vocabulary, so LaVonne ministered to him before the service, and he almost fell out in the Spirit. By trying to keep our words simple, we managed ok.

No one responded to Eric's altar call for salvation but nearly all the congregation of about 150 – 200 came forward for more of the Holy Spirit. Nearly all fell out under the power, including Pr. Marcos. Some shook under the power; some fell on their knees; and one fell forward. LaVonne was flowing in the gift of the word of knowledge.

LaVonne ministered the growing out of arms and legs to two or more ladies who were instantly released from longstanding conditions. She ministered to a lady with a hearing problem by licking her finger and placing it in her ear. The lady was instantly healed.

Eric ministered to a lady with frozen shoulders. She raised her arms high in praises to God. Eric ministered to a youth who began jumping and leaping bizarrely 4 feet in the

air and sideways. He almost cannoned into LaVonne ministering to a lady. Eric cast out the evil spirit, whereupon the boy dropped to the floor and lay there peacefully.

Eric was called upon to cast evil spirits out of one or two others. One man literally shot ten feet through the air about chest height, exactly like the movie hero superman, and landed on his side. It seemed he must surely have damaged himself but not at all. He was making roaring sounds and an evil spirit needed to come out of him. Eric attended to this whereupon he too was quiet and peaceful.

Another man shot backwards along the floor and in so doing his tee-shirt rolled up tight around his neck.

Later LaVonne ministered to a lady who kept retreating backwards and bumped into Eric as he was ministering to someone. So now we were even! LaVonne urged Pr. Marcos to have Eric pray for him and he fell out under the power. LaVonne prayed for his daughter and she began travailing in prayer on her knees. We jointly ministered to the worship leader and LaVonne had a Word for him. We left him on his knees in tears of thanksgiving before God.

Of course we are not reporting all the ministry but some 'highlights.' We eventually got to bed at 1am.

Characteristically Satan had tried to unsettle and spoil. Before the meeting LaVonne used an iron on a wrinkled jacket of Eric's which ruined the jacket. She then broke a glass sending shards and slivers of glass across the tiled floor on which we were bare foot from showering. Then her hair curler set refused to work. After the meeting Eric lost a pearl that had special meaning to him; he received a troublesome text message from a son with exquisite timing; and a spirit of bickering tried its best to manifest. We were not unaware of the devil's schemes and we told him what to do with them! None of these things moved us. Praise the Lord!

Foursquare Gospel Church, Barueri - SP, Wednesday 8th

Prs. Manuel da Silva and his wife came to the hotel at 11am to drive us 2 hours back down the highway to Barueri. But they had a small Fiat; and we had a lot of luggage, 2 large cases each and a carry-on bag each. We were packed for the heat of Brazil and for the cold of Ohio where we were going to spend Christmas. A man and his wife seldom travel light in any case. We managed to get 4 adults and all our luggage into the car. That was our first miracle of the day!

We checked into a Hotel Ibis Express that had its own private entrance to an adjoining shopping mall! Of course we went shopping for a new jacket and a hair curling iron. God is good! 😊

Pr Manuel was joined by Pr Sergio Chirichella and after lunch they took us to the venue for tonight, a 5,000 seat roofed stadium with a large playing area. The lectern was set right in the middle. You can imagine our thoughts! We prayer-walked the stadium and God was so present, the pastors were in tears.

When we arrived for the evening meeting, the ushers and deacons were in a circle praying in earnest. LaVonne immediately joined them and started ministering to some of them. During the worship, she prayed for the dance team, and they were falling out.

When it came time for us to minister, we walked hand in hand blowing kisses with our other hands towards the crowd and heavenwards to God, which the crowd loved! Eric preached with great freedom in the Spirit and they were cheering and clapping. We flowed beautifully together without even thinking about it. Our interpreter was very good.

We would love to report that the stadium was full but it was only one-fifth full. Twelve precious souls came to Christ.

Two-thirds of the crowd came forward for ministry. LaVonne and Eric each had an interpreter; and they started at opposite ends of a line, which was extremely long and deep. LaVonne's interpreter trembled under the anointing as LaVonne ministered.

LaVonne sought out a girl she had seen in the crowd and who, she learned, had cancer of the eye. She rebuked the cancer and commanded it to leave in Jesus' name.

As she went along the line, the Holy Spirit suddenly told her: "Let Me do it, LaVonne." When she found a young curly-haired man on his knees pleading with God, she stood him up. When he saw LaVonne grieving for him, he broke. She didn't even pray; and she barely touched him. The Holy Spirit was working in him.

She brought Pr. Manuel over, a big "daddy" figure, simply to hug the man. She saw the powers of darkness lift and it was all the Holy Spirit's doing. LaVonne was in tears as she relived the major ministry highlight of the evening for her.

As he went along the line, Eric often used his interpreter to bring words of encouragement; the person would dissolve in tears and fall out in the Spirit. Most of the people Eric touched fell out. Eric prayed for couples and they would fall out together,

including Pr. Sergio and his fiancée. That was special.

LaVonne sent men to Eric for ministry when she thought they needed a special touch. She sent one of the interpreters to Eric for prayer in the hospitality room after the service. He fell out and was still on the floor as LaVonne walked in, having prayed for the cook in the kitchen. As she noticed the interpreter laying there, she said: "I expected that!"

Pr Manuel said: "We may never meet again till we reach heaven, but we'll never forget you guys! We will always remember this night! We're going to be praying for your ministry. And if you ever come to Sao Paulo again, be sure to call us!"

Evangelical Church of the Altar of the Lord, Sao Caetano do Sul - SP, Thursday 9th

We remained at the Hotel Ibis Express but were driven to another district and church for this evening's service. This was a small church but a wonderful little church flowing in the gifts and with intercessors stationed around the walls. Pastora Angelina had never seen the church so full. She started the church about 4 years ago.

Her daughter led the worship. Then LaVonne gave a mini-sermon before Eric spoke; and again her message led so well into Eric's, which was of course, "Know Jesus."

The whole congregation came forward for ministry and everyone waited patiently for their turn to be prayed for. Nearly all of them fell out in the Spirit Eric didn't even touch some of them or say anything.

One beloved sister was rattling away in tongues. Eric explained that she needed to be quiet in order to receive. As soon as she stopped, she fell out in the Spirit. "It works!" his 18 year old interpreter said with a big smile. He later saw his father and mother fall out in the Spirit. He later fell out himself.

We ministered to the children. There was a sweet cameo of three little children fallen out on the floor in a fan formation. One of them woke up, his look as if to say, "What just happened?!"

LaVonne's interpreter during ministry was a 10 year old girl who spoke good English; and it was delightful to see LaVonne leading her to lay hands on people.

Eric ministered to a lady in pain in her upper spine and left arm. She was instantly healed, all smiles and pain-free. LaVonne ministered to a boy with a club-foot. The foot turned outwards to its correct position. We prayed on a photo of a child with kidney

problems and gave instructions to place the photo under bottom sheet of the child's bed.

A lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. A pregnant lady said she would name her baby after LaVonne if it's a girl. She said the frankincense tree grows in Brazil which they call the lavonda tree!

The pastora's daughter prophesied to LaVonne – in part: "I am going to use you in ways you've not even thought about. Are you ready?" Then the pastora prophesied to Eric - in part: "I am taking you to new places and you will be honored in all the places I take you to." She said that country that is closed to Eric will open. "God says He will put you there!"

This confirmed an identical Word that Eric received in 2003. When told how accurate her Word had been, Pra Angelina started jumping up and down! [India has been closed to Eric since the year 2000.]

She was totally delighted with the evening. And we had so many photo-calls!

Apostolic Church of the Lion of Judah, Jundiai – SP, Friday 10th

We checked out of the Ibis and were driven for a hour or so to Jundiai. Douglas, our driver's companion, spoke English fairly well having lived in England and having stayed in Canterbury. He showed us his photographs. One of Eric's sons was a student in Canterbury, so there was much we were able to share. We found ourselves ministering prophetically into Douglas's life, which he greatly appreciated.

We were there for 2 nights. Lion and Eagle Ministries at the Lion of Judah Apostolic Church! What a scenario for something special in God! And God did not disappoint!

Their altar was covered in a red altar cloth and decked prophetically in flags of many nations, including of course Israel. The altar also had a splendid minora, a large shofar, the key to the city (presented by the city council) and a jewelled crown on a red cushion. To the right of the altar was a life-size golden ark of the covenant complete with golden poles; and to the left was a wooden cross draped in red.

The church is led by Apostle Joao Carlo Cunha. And there was no doubting his office as an apostle. He honored Eric as an apostle, and LaVonne as a prophet, the perfect combination.

Each time Eric would preach the 'Know Jesus' message it was a different variation on the same theme, and so it proved again this night. The people were fired up. Seven souls came forward for salvation. Then the whole congregation stepped forward for ministry.

Thirty people testified that they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

The crowd was so thick we could not easily distinguish those we had prayed for and those who were still waiting for prayer. People were falling out all over the place – some as we did nothing and said nothing, some as we blew lightly on them with the breath of the Spirit, and some as we simply touched hands or spoke, “fire!” Apostle Joao was moved to blow the shofar as we ministered.

As Eric was passing close by LaVonne as she was ministering to a lady, she grabbed hold of Eric's left hand and put it on the lady's head, who instantly fell out in the Spirit! This so amused Eric and his helper that they could not help but laugh out loud! It was so funny!

People came for ministry for all kinds of problems such as aching bones, partial blindness or hearing, and they were getting healed.

People were falling on top of people because of the lack of space. LaVonne was going through the crowd laying one hand on one and her other hand on another; and one would fall out as she prayed for the other. She would sprinkle the Blood on people by faith as she passed by, and they were visibly impacted in the Spirit as she did so.

Apostle Joao noticed that children were falling out and he asked Eric to pray for all of the children. Eric did so and then called for LaVonne to pray a “mother's prayer” over them. Eric prayed for a couple who wanted a baby. He also prayed for couples and they would fall out simultaneously. LaVonne went to a pregnant lady, kissed her belly, and prayed for her baby, and that the baby would be delivered easily and painlessly.

A pastora from another church told Eric she wanted the anointing to take back with her; and she fell out in the Spirit. A brother also fell out who wanted to be an evangelist in the UK and Europe.

Apostle Joao led the whole congregation in appreciation and a symbolic group hug of “Apostle Eric.” He himself then kissed and hugged Eric on the platform. He pleaded for the people to bring their unsaved loved ones, friends and neighbours to tomorrow's meeting. Finally he dismissed the service.

Even so, we couldn't get away. The pastors all hugged and loved on us. Everyone wanted a photo. A father brought his son to us, whom he wanted to experience a real encounter with God. Eric took the boy's hands and blew on him. He fell down and stayed down for a very long time.

Saturday 11th

Tonight's meeting topped even the night before! Eric preached 'The Man of God's Right Hand' with much fire and anointing.

Apostle Joao opened the service with an injunction for everyone to empty themselves of self and of everything that was not of God. He said last night God had dealt with their hearts and tonight He would give them their call; there was going to be a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He then blew the shofar!

We had said nothing about tonight's message, so it could only have come from God.

LaVonne as usual got up to speak before Eric, but for a time could only wail and travail with loud groans. Then finally she was able to speak about preparing on your faces and knees for God's call on your life and wait for God's timing.

Eric took these threads and wove them into his message.

Apostle Joao and at times the pastors were off their seats shouting and raising their arms as Eric preached. Apostle Joao was so gripped, he finally left his seat altogether and paced up and down at the back of the platform. LaVonne said at times the apostle and pastors were moaning and groaning in the Spirit!

Twelve souls responded to the altar call for salvation. Then the whole church came forward to say a resounding yes to God's call on their lives. The ministry that followed was as powerful, if not more so, than yesterday.

Eric took hold of a woman's hands and she vibrated like a pneumatic drill before she hit the floor permanently. He prayed on a photo of a man with cancer and his hands became as hot as an iron. Again, as yesterday, LaVonne grabbed Eric's hand as he was passing, placed it on a lady's head and the lady fell out. The same happened to a couple that she asked Eric to pray for.

LaVonne was just touching foreheads with her index finger or 2 or 3 fingers as led by the Spirit and people were falling out. She was ministering to two at a time. Eric was doing the same because there were so many people wanting ministry.

LaVonne at one stage simply pointed to the apostle's children, got them together, waved her hand at them and they all fell out in the Spirit, which so blessed their father and mother.

As we came to the end of ministry, people were so energised, they simply began jumping up and down. LaVonne was then led by the Spirit to dance. And this broke something through for the church. Out of the mouths of The Lion of Judah Church there came a roar! And everyone spontaneously began dancing. A Holy Ghost conga line formed and they began to thread their way through the crowd. We were dancing arm in arm and it blessed the people to see us. Everyone was celebrating!

Eric suddenly found the Israeli flag from the altar draped across his back. Soon he had the UK flag in his arms and LaVonne the USA flag. Then all the flags from the altar were being placed on us. Apostle Joao again blew the shofar.

We were vaguely aware that as a further prophetic act, the apostle and his wife were now holding up their Brazilian flag behind us, as we were dressed in and holding the other flags. We were vaguely aware because the Glory of the Lord was falling on us. We were caught up in it, gazing in wonder. Awesome is the only word we can use.

LaVonne said last year she wasn't ready for all this. Whereas last year she was on a kitchen floor suffering a heart attack, now this year God had her on a church floor dancing and with no stress to her body whatsoever. She said marriages were healed by couples seeing us in church dancing together, and hugging, and kissing each other on the cheek.

Again the whole church symbolically group-hugged us, told us they loved us, and wished us to come back next year, God willing. So the meeting ended with yet more photo requests.

Evangelical Philadelphia Church, Rio Claro - SP, Sunday 12th

Early this morning we received a call from the head of the Fire Sowers, Evangelist Dario Luiz. Dario asked: "Have you been having fun?" He was calling long distance from Italy! Apostle Joao had called him in Italy to tell him about the two services and asking for us back next year.

Eric had awoken with a strained voice and cold symptoms. However, we knew God wanted LaVonne to preach today. We were going back to the Evangelica Filadelfia Church in Rio Claro.

Eric had joked with LaVonne that after last night's service he could die and go to heaven happy. He had only been joking, but the devil doesn't joke: these words had opened a door. When Eric realised this, he closed the door and immediately his voice and health began to improve.

Even so, as we were getting ready to go to the service, LaVonne asked if he would prefer to stay in the hotel and rest. The Lord confirmed this was right, and LaVonne went alone. The services in Jundiai had taken a lot out of him and he slept soundly for 3-4 hours.

LaVonne of course was also tired. She found that the spirit of the church was lower than on the first night of our tour. She said the people were disappointed that Eric did not appear; but we knew that God had appointed her to preach and it's not about personalities and preachers – it's all about Jesus. The worship team and the intercessors tried very hard but it was not the same as last time.

LaVonne thought she was going to be speaking on the Blood of Jesus but at the last moment the Lord changed this to a message on healing and how to keep your healing. It went over as a talk rather than as preaching. Pr Marcos was beaming throughout the talk; he seemed very glad his people were hearing what LaVonne had to share.

The ministry lasted a couple of hours and was powerful. Most people fell out in the Spirit. A lady reported that her breast had been healed at our service on the 7th, a wonderful encouragement.

A man came to LaVonne with ringing in his ears. She put her fingers in his ears but the ringing was still there. So she now cupped his ears and asked: "Now where's the ringing?" He paused, listened, broke into a big grin and said, "It's gone!"

She got a boy to pray for his father's healing and later the father told her he loved her in the Lord.

Four couples fell under the power as LaVonne imparted to them what we have as a couple. She knew by the Spirit that one of the ladies was a nurse and gave this out to her in a word of knowledge, which so impressed her interpreter (not Pr. Paulo but someone new).

Pr. Marcos had told us on our drive back to Rio Claro that he was looking forward to an impartation from Eric. So Eric had imparted to LaVonne before she left the hotel and now she imparted to Pr Marcos who fell out in the Spirit.

LaVonne loves to pray for the children. She prayed for one boy who wanted to be a pastor, and for another boy who wanted to be a top-class footballer.

Some of the children wanted LaVonne to sign her name in their Bibles, as well as to write their names in LaVonne's Bible.

Renewed Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara d'Oeste - SP, Monday 13th

Pastor Samuel da Silva came to drive us to our next venue. As well as a pastor, he is also a practising lawyer in his city. His church is a "renewed Presbyterian church" which, he explained, effectively means "Pentecostal". This was a relief, as we were wondering what to expect!

This was their opening night of their Fire Sowers Conference and they had never had anyone fall out in the Spirit. Well tonight bodies carpeted the floor. Some were unable to get up. They tried but sank to the floor again. Some were wailing and travailing for a very long time. The church had wooden pews which had to be pushed back several rows to provide more space.

A lady came to Eric with high blood pressure and diabetes and experiencing nausea and giddiness. She brightened and said it had all gone. A man came with pain in his lower back and was healed. A man who was deaf in both ears testified he had really felt the anointing (he called it "the glory") as his ears were opened and now he could hear clearly. A woman came with pains in her stomach and arm. She was healed. Another presented with a thyroid problem and fell out in the Spirit.

LaVonne ministered to a woman with problems in her oesophagus and stomach. She whispered in her ear, "Jesus. Jesus. Jesus." and the woman promptly fell out.

A man came to us for missionary service. We put his hands on each of our hearts and he fell out.

We ministered to Pastor Samuel and his wife, Pastora Alessandra, who both fell out. We ministered also to Pr. Harmon of the local Nazarene Church, our interpreter, and he fell out. Pr Samuel's assistant pastor also came with the same result. He later hugged Eric so hard and bombarded heaven in prayer as he did so.

Pr Alessandra, was later seen sitting in the front of the church deep in travail. Later still she was raising her hands to heaven in steps and waves to describe to us how she felt about tonight's service.

Pr Harmon said though he had received inner healing when he was saved, he had never actually witnessed a physical healing. He saw many tonight. We were to return to this church the day after tomorrow. He said he would bring his wife and family with him and some key people from his church. He also wanted us to meet him at his new church construction and pray over the site.

We reflected on the great things God had done for this church tonight.

Church of Christ for the World, Santa Barbara d'Oeste – SP, Tuesday 14th

Another church in the same city, but they were not holding a Fire Sowers Conference. In fact, there was no mention of the Fire Sowers organisation. The church was holding a three-day conference of its own. Their poster bore our photograph and of one other pastor in Sta. Barbara.

The service included a parade of international flags into the church and they were planning a procession of flags through the neighbourhood. The church was making a major prophetic and evangelistic effort. It may therefore have been disconcerting for the leaders, although an encouragement, to hear LaVonne bring a word from the Lord that their vision needed to be even larger!

One man was saved. Eric ministered to him against alcoholism and nicotine addiction and for the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the man fell out.

Eric sent a mother with a son in prison to LaVonne for prayer and LaVonne hugged her and hugged her while she cried and cried. She finally fell out shaking in the Spirit holding her son's picture.

Nearly everyone we ministered to fell out under the power, including children, and they were asking us what they should do with the people. Some fell out without us saying or doing anything, just standing in front of them. One pastor looked incredulous at what he was seeing.

Couples fell out, LaVonne and I ministering together, including pastors and their wives. Only two couples stayed on their feet.

We prayed for the worship team and they fell out. Two young guys from the band we saw sitting on the floor with rueful smiles, as if to say: "What in the world just happened to us!"

Renewed Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara d'Oeste – SP, Wednesday 15th

We were back in Pr. Samuel's church for two more nights.

God had made it clear to us that LaVonne was to preach tonight. So Eric spoke first before handing on to LaVonne and he brought Zephaniah 3:17 (The Lord your God is in your midst. The Mighty One will save. He will quiet you with His love. He will rejoice over you with singing.). This fitted LaVonne's healing message very well: Jesus in the midst and the woman with the issue of blood pressing through the crowd to touch the hem of his garment. She was quieted. She was healed. We had not colluded at all.

LaVonne then called all children up to the age of 10 to come forward. We went among them just touching heads and praying blessings on them. Then she went back up on the platform to call those aged 11 to 25. She asked Eric to minister to this age group individually while she remained at the microphone on the platform interceding. All but one or two of them fell out in the Spirit; and once again the floor of the church was carpeted with the slain. The Spirit was doing different things in them – one had laughter; another wailing – but all were meeting with God in the deep.

LaVonne then called out those suffering from specific conditions such as cancer or heart conditions. She came down off the platform and ministered with Eric. Again people were falling out. Then we prayed for everyone who wanted prayer.

Pr Samuel intended to close with some worship but the worship really took off! Everyone began to jump and dance. LaVonne and Eric were dancing arm in arm on the platform. Pr Samuel suddenly became so drunk in the Spirit he slumped onto a chair! Two young women twirling around in circles, arm in arm below us, just suddenly fell out! No one touched them. They lay there for about an hour or more unable to get up, just interceding in tongues, crying out to God, one of them waving her arm vigorously back and forth. God was in the house! Everyone was rejoicing in God; and God was rejoicing over us with singing – Zephaniah 3:17 again, the scripture with which we had begun.

Somehow Pr Samuel made it from his chair to the pulpit to end the service, but he was hanging on to the pulpit to remain upright!

As we left the church, the two young women were still on the floor crying out to God; Pra Alessandra was sitting at the front crying out to God; and a young man in a yellow tee shirt was doing the same.

Another wonderful night!

Before the service we did meet with Pr Harmon at his construction site and pray; and we did pray for him and his family and people during the ministry time.

During the day, we also met with some friends that Eric made last year in Sta. Barbara. They invited us to lunch and we met a young Brazilian lady with missionary ambitions who spoke good English and some other languages. We told her we felt Eric's message tomorrow would be very good for her, "The Man of God's Right Hand." She said she would come.

We also prayed for our friends' housemaid, an elderly lady suffering from cataracts. LaVonne ministered and the lady confessed that she could now see very clearly. Our friends came to all 4 services in Sta. Barbara and tonight they brought their maid with them. Eric noticed her pointing to the screen indicating she could see every word!

Thursday 16th

As we lunched with Samuel and Alessandra today at their home, we learned that their young people had been phoning all morning to say they were still meeting with God! Samuel himself said: "I am soft!" We also learned that their housemaid had come to Christ. As we were told of her salvation, we saw the Spirit come upon her and she began to weep, a special moment.

Pr Samuel took us to his law office and we prayed for his staff, clients and business.

We knew we would have a new interpreter tonight, as Pr Harmon had a service at his own church, but the new interpreter simply failed to show up! However, the young Brazilian lady linguist came to the service, just as she promised, and she did a great job as our substitute interpreter!

She so enjoyed the message and said she had needed to hear it, "The Man of God's Right Hand." Pr Samuel said it was a confirming word for him too!

The church loved LaVonne's singing and they cheered and clapped at times as Eric preached. When he thought he was making an altar call for salvation, the whole church responded! Instead, he led them in a prayer of commitment to God's call on their lives.

Then we had open ministry with again the majority of people falling out in the Spirit.

A woman with an intestinal problem felt released inside when LaVonne blew on her. A man with cancer of the liver came to Eric and fell out. His wife asked Eric to bless a cup

of water for him to drink. A woman with neck and shoulder pain fell out as Eric ministered and another lady was released from a severe headache and back pain.

Children fell out with such sweet smiles and lay still for a long time enjoying the Lord. A little girl testified shyly from the platform, with Pr Samuel's encouragement, that while she was on the floor she had a vision of Jesus enthroned in heaven with golden walls behind Him!

Samuel asked Eric to pray once again for his worship team. The worship was always excellent and Pr Samuel certainly knew how to lead it. They worshipped with whole-hearted devotion. The spirit of the church was so very sweet and all ages were strongly represented. We really enjoyed our days here.

They presented us with gifts of appreciation. They said they loved us and would miss us and we said the same. Then there were photo-calls and farewells and sadly our time in Sta. Barbara was over.

Ministry of Christ Church, Aracatuba - SP, Friday 17th

As he drove us to the bus station, Pr Samuel said: "My church is transformo!" Our parting was such sweet sorrow!

After 8 hours on a bus, we arrived in Aracatuba, and were met by Pastor Emilio and Pastora Elizabeth.

The service this evening was good. We were tired, particularly LaVonne, but God is faithful. Eight souls responded to Eric's altar call. Praise the Lord!

People were healed and people fell out. Some did so with nothing being said. We particularly remember a 'high tower' of a man falling out from a great height. Some were on the floor shaking in the Spirit or wailing or smiling as God ministered.

Eric prayed for a lady with cataracts and they disappeared. He prayed for an elderly gentleman with problems with his neck, back and legs. He was totally healed and became so excited he was in tears and jumping up and down, with total disregard for his age. He prophesied through Pr. Chico, our interpreter, that our ministry was going to become even more powerful and in many more places of the world. Eric prayed for a man with hearing problems; his hearing improved and when Eric put his fingers in his ears a second time, he fell out.

Eric passed a woman intercessor to LaVonne for ministry. She did not fall but LaVonne said this lady was so powerful spiritually, she (LaVonne) almost fell! LaVonne, who used to be the intercession pastor in her church in Ohio, would have liked to spend more time with her.

Couples came and were blessed. Some fell out together, including Prs Emilio and Elizabeth. Eric prayed for a couple who were expecting a baby. He prayed first for the baby and then for the couple who fell out together simultaneously.

He was asked to pray for all the little children. One little boy was totally transfixed, staring at his friend who had fallen beside him. LaVonne prayed for a ten year old girl who fell out and just lay weeping on the floor with her arm across her face.

We prayed for all the deacons and the worship team. Eric prayed for Pr Chico who fell onto one knee in prayer.

The pastor and pastora were so appreciative of our ministry and lamented the fact that we were only with them for one night.

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Andradina - SP, Saturday 18th

We were driven to Andradina and it was wonderful for Eric to be returning to one of the churches he had visited last year. He was greeted again by Pastor Paulo, Pra Sandra and Carlos, their interpreter. It was their first meeting with LaVonne of course.

The evening service was wonderful. LaVonne sang and preached a mini-sermon. Pr Paulo said she reminded him of a teacher he'd had at Seminary who used to spit fire! ☺

Eric preached, you've guessed it, "The Man of God's Right Hand," and each time he preached the message, it always came over differently. It was well received with clapping and cheering and exclamations at times. One lady, eyes streaming with tears, got saved and the church applauded.

The ministry followed the same pattern as in other places – people falling out including children. Few could stay on their feet. God's presence was so strong. Again we prayed for couples.

LaVonne's ministry highlights were:

- A little boy of 5 or 6 who had a brain problem – he fell out and lay on the floor blinking in surprise.
- 2 year old twin boys – one needed healing in his brain, the other healing from congestion in his lungs.
- A father with his son. The father needed healing from trauma, fear, and addictions especially alcohol. The son was holding on to his dad tightly. He really wanted his dad set free. He was so appreciative of LaVonne’s ministry.

Eric’s highlights were:

- A man with eye problems. He fell out as Eric commanded the healing.
- A man with a hernia. Eric felt the healing happen under his hand. The man said he felt better. So Eric blessed him and he fell out.
- A man with back, leg and knee problems. His legs were uneven but grew out without anything being said. He felt tons better with just a little bit of residual pain. Eric rebuked the pain.

The young woman who interpreted for LaVonne as she ministered, was full of praise for LaVonne, saying she’s so full of love and you see it in her eyes; the women and children love her. Glory to Jesus!

LaVonne prayed for the church’s chief intercessor, a woman, in the pastor’s office after the service. Pra Sandra has asked LaVonne to teach on intercession the next time she comes.

The outside day temperature today was 40C (104F) on the car’s computer readout and as we left the church it was 32C (90F) .

Full Revival Baptist Church, Bauru – SP, Sunday 19th

We were due to preach this evening in Avare but it didn’t happen. The pastors there arranged a large meeting, joining with other churches, but they took it upon themselves to reschedule it for this morning!

We were asked if we would drive for 5 hours to Avare immediately after the service last night, which ended about midnight, and preach at 10am. We had to say no. We were

already tired after so many meetings and so much travelling; we were so very hot and tired after the service. We were not going to go anywhere but to our bed.

So their speaker last night preached in our place; or rather his associate pastor did.

We missed a big meeting; but it was too much to ask. We asked God about it and He agreed! In fact, He had something else planned!

We had tickets for a 5 hour bus ride to Bauru. We were told a brother from Avare would meet us off the bus and drive us to our hotel in Avare. We would not be preaching tonight but our itinerary would resume in the morning when we would be taken to Piraju.

We were surprised when Pr Chico unexpectedly boarded our bus at its scheduled stop in Aracatuba. This was the first and only occasion we had someone onboard a bus with us who could speak English. And what a blessed relief! He was going home to his family in Bauru. He was God's provision, a faithful friend. When no one turned up from Avare to meet us off the bus in Bauru bus station, Pr Chico insisted on staying with us until the situation was resolved. He was a great comfort to us.

It was resolved by God blessing a very little church in Bauru. Pastor David and Pastora Sandra gave us their bed and we preached in their church in the evening. They said we were a gift from heaven to their church; they could never have afforded to bring us in.

They came and got us from the bus station, where we said goodbye and a big thank-you to dear Pr Chico. He was not available to interpret for us tonight; so Vanessa, one of Pr Emilio's two daughters, was conscripted for the role but though she was very willing, she was nervous and her English was limited.

God came to her rescue. When Pr Emilio and his son, Fernando, took us for some essential shopping in the afternoon, they bumped into some friends and a young man who spoke very good English, having been a student in the USA. He said he'd try to come along to the service and if necessary translate for us. He came and he did an excellent job. Even so, Vanessa was able to help him with one or two words.

He brought a girlfriend, a Catholic, who had never attended a Protestant church service before. She saw God move in the service and she was born again! She had been asking God to show her the truth and Jesus had been drawing her. Tonight she heard; she saw; and knowing the Truth set her free! Hallelujah!

It was truly a little church as there only about 30 people in the service. Most fell out in the Spirit without us saying anything. Some came up to each of us, presumably wanting a double portion! Children fell and couples fell.

One young lady received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues and it was a deeply intense experience for her. As she began to speak in her new heavenly language, Pra Sandra was in tears and the people clapped.

Pr Emilio was blessed to have a preacher from England in his church because he's a big fan of Smith Wigglesworth! He had a banner at the back of the church with a picture of Smith preaching.

LaVonne once received an impartation from an elderly Yorkshireman who had been mentored by Smith. She had driven him to meetings in Ohio for three months and had even co-ministered with him on one occasion. She was so happy to pass on her impartation to Pr Emilio and he was so eager to receive it. He fell out and Eric caught him. The people appeared shocked to see their pastor fall. Prs Emilio and Sandra later fell out as a couple when we prayed for them.

God had chosen to bless a little church that is dear to His heart. It is going to grow.

Foursquare Gospel Church & First Baptist Church, Piraju - SP, Monday 20th

We stayed to lunch with Prs Emilio and Sandra, and were surprised to be joined by Douglas, Dario's twin brother and co-founder of the Fire Sowers! This was a welcome surprise. So good to see Douglas again for Eric, and LaVonne's first meeting. He was accompanied by a pastor and they drove us to Avare. Two pastors from Piraju took us the rest of the way.

They were Pr Marco Morteau of the Foursquare Gospel Church and Pr Sergio Santos of the First Baptist Church. They enjoyed such close fellowship they talked back and forth practically the whole way to Piraju. Their Fire Sowers Conference was a joint effort between them but the meetings were taking place in the Foursquare Gospel Church and were of course open to all churches in Piraju. It was their final night and we were honored to be the speakers.

Pr Marco drove us from our hotel to the church through thunder and lightning and hail! A battle was raging above Piraju! At one point he had to stop and shelter the car under a petrol station canopy.

The church was packed with 800 people. Five souls responded to the altar call and practically the whole church came forward for ministry. It was the same as the previous meetings: nearly everyone falling in the Spirit including children and couples, including pastors and their wives.

Eric ministered to a man with a heart condition and he fell out. Later as we left the church he came up and hugged and kissed Eric. LaVonne remembers praying for a pregnant lady who fell out when she placed her hand on her belly.

One lady had a growth on her side and a swollen stomach. Of course she had never clapped eyes on LaVonne before; but she had seen LaVonne in a dream last night, dressed exactly as she was tonight; and in her dream LaVonne ministered to her and she was healed.

She was therefore full of faith that she would be healed through LaVonne in this service. LaVonne ministered to her and she fell out in the Spirit. Later she came to us both with her husband and they fell out together as we imparted to them as a couple. Eric spoke joy into her and she immediately broke out in holy laughter.

As we left many told us “I love you!” including Pr Marco. Many hugs were received, and many kisses too.

Campo Grande – MS, Tuesday 21st

Today we were moving to the capital of another state. We would be travelling all day by car and bus, arriving too late for any preaching.

We were up at 5.45am. Prs Marco and Sergio collected us at 7am and we reached Bauru bus station at 9am. The bus left at 9.30am. We anticipated 10 hours on the bus but hadn't reckoned on crossing into another time zone, which added an hour.

No one on the bus understood us; and when the bus drivers announced anything, we understood nothing; but we were people of faith! 😊 Altogether we were travelling for 13 hours, finally reaching our destination at 7.30pm.

After such a long journey, and having no interpreter, and after our experience in Bauru, we were glad to see people waiting for us in the bus station. We were tired and ready to sleep.

Foursquare Gospel Church, Campo Grande – MS, Wednesday 22nd

We were taken to lunch by Pastor Claudio and Pastora Andrea. Their church, Pr Claudio said, needed and was hungry for a breakthrough. He felt the Fire Sowers Conference had come at just the right time. Eric reflected on the verse that God had given him this morning: 'The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand' (Mark 1:15).

As well as leading this local church, Pr Claudio told us he also oversees the Foursquare Gospel Church in all of Mato Grosso do Sul. We told him about the change in the spiritual atmosphere we had noticed as we crossed the state border.

The hunger of the local church was very evident when LaVonne spoke and our interpreter thought she was calling people forward. She had hardly said anything but almost the whole church, about 800, started to stream forward! LaVonne quickly corrected the situation and the people returned to their seats. She then brought a short message about Christians as eagles.

Eric wove this into his "Know Jesus" message. Our interpreter, a pastor, told us: "I *know* Jesus now." Three souls were saved. The whole church again responded at the second invitation for ministry and again the pattern was as in our previous meetings. We were kept very busy for a very long time.

First up for ministry from Eric was actually LaVonne! She was having difficulty breathing and felt herself under attack.

Eric ministered to a man with knee problems and leg pains, and he was healed. Another man, who had not been able to bend his knees for years, felt bones cracking and being reset in his legs; and now he could bend his knees, as he was so happy to demonstrate!

LaVonne said she felt fire across her shoulders and down her arms as she was ministering. She ministered to a lady whose arms and legs grew out, and she was healed.

She had a word of knowledge for another lady that the lady had an immune system deficiency. When she gave her this word, the woman burst into tears, for it was a right-on word and she realised God was about to heal her.

We again prayed for couples who fell out together, including Prs Claudio and Andrea. Pr Claudio broke out into holy laughter. This also happened to one of the ladies in the worship team to whom LaVonne ministered.

The congregation included 50 pastors from other Foursquare churches. Pr Claudio said about eighty per cent of those pastors came forward for ministry. We also prayed for all the local deacons and elders.

Pr Claudio was delighted with the evening and felt the church got what it needed. He described tonight's meeting as "very, very good" and hugged Eric saying, "my dear, dear, brother!" Pra Andrea described the evening as wonderful.

One disappointment: Eric ministered to a man in a wheelchair. He had been 20 years in that chair following an accident. The power of God so poured into him that he was twisting and turning in his seat; but when Eric asked him if he would try to walk, he declined. We were certain that if the man had chosen to do so, he could have walked.

National Baptist Church, Varzea Grande – MT, Thursday 23rd

Three states in three days! We were off to Mato Grosso, which has the Amazonas to the north-west and Bolivia to the west. Prs Claudio and Andrea took us to the airport. As we parted, Pr Claudio said: "I love you. I bless you. I thank you for your ministry." Pra Andrea, with tears in her eyes, told LaVonne, "I love you," and she prayed blessings on our family and ministry.

As we waited for our flight, the sky grew very forbidding; there were constant lightning flashes; and we walked to our plane through torrential rain. However, the Lord answers prayer! As our plane taxied and took off, there was a break in the storm; and the skies were clear over Cuiaba.

Cuiaba is the state capital and forms a single conurbation with the city of Varzea Grande situated on the opposite bank of the River Cuiaba.

We were met in Cuiaba by Pastor Suman Silva whose church is in Varzea Grande. He has pastored this church for more than 20 years. He showed us a new church under construction which will seat 2,500 people. He has a television program which goes out over most of South America.

The worship was superb. The musicians and singers were wearing earphones; the drummer was screened; all was very professionally done with excellence unto the Lord.

Eric, as usual on a first or only night, preached on "Knowing Jesus" and again it was a slightly different message dovetailing with LaVonne's opening message or words of encouragement.

Our interpreter, Pr Carlos James Junior, was absolutely first-class with an outstanding command of English and copied Eric's every move.

Forty-five people responded to Eric's altar call for salvation. Eric had another audience and did not know it until Pr Carlos told him to wait while people were making their way to the altar from an adjoining building! There were 1,000 in the main auditorium and 500 in the adjoining building watching on a large screen.

We felt we ministered to every single person! They packed the front and the aisles. We ministered to backs, necks, ears, eyes, hearts, cancers, kidneys, diabetics, migraines, etc.

People were giving thumbs-up as they were healed. LaVonne simply hugged some ladies with one arm as she ministered to others with her free arm. Many times a hug was all that was needed. Some people just wanted to gaze into our faces. People did not easily fall out at first, until something broke over the church.

The people were packed all across the front of the church and all the way to the back. The line never seemed to shorten. People waited, and waited, and waited, for ministry. Because of the numbers and how quickly we were obliged to go, it was impossible to keep note of specific healings. We finished late and we finished tired; but we knew we had a rest day tomorrow.

We prayed for children. We prayed for couples. Pr Suman and Pra Cleide fell out. Another couple, assistant pastors, said they had been to our website and so identified with our ministry, they wanted an impartation. They got it and promptly fell out together.

We prayed for the singers and worship team and for deacons and ushers. Pr Suman wanted an impartation from Eric and fell out. He said he more than enjoyed the service tonight and he so much enjoyed the message. Really it was a phenomenal service, especially with as many as 45 people receiving salvation.

Friday 24th

We enjoyed our rest day. We needed it.

National Baptist Church, Pontes e Lacerda – MT, Saturday 25th

We drove five hours west to Pontes e Lacerda, which is not far from the Bolivian border. Our driver was accompanied by Pr Paulo, not of this church. We were told that this state

has more cattle than people. Eric joked that we should evangelise the cows; then all the people will eat the meat of the Word! 😊

Our driver wanted to know how LaVonne knew he was a rancher. She knew by the Spirit.

She prayed for Pr Paulo as we drove and we all began praying in tongues in the car. We felt something break over the church. Something also broke for Paulo in the car, for he was overcome by holy laughter. “I’m not the same man!” he cried.

The church was packed, with an overflow audience in an adjoining building, plus the service was streamed live on local television and over the internet. The church was so full, the seating came right up to the platform; so all our ministry took place either on the platform itself or along the centre aisle.

Pr. Antonio is the senior pastor of the church. As with their sister church in Varzea Grande, the worship was excellent with singers and dancers, the singers wearing earphones, drummer screened; some dancers were with us on the platform, and some were above us, in a large bay window area accessed from outside.

LaVonne sang then introduced Eric who preached “Know Jesus” and 5 souls came onto the platform for salvation. We don’t know if any responded in the next building; or if any were saved as they watched on television and the internet. LaVonne believes many were saved who didn’t come forward. Paulo remarked that the people of this city are known to be particularly shy.

LaVonne felt burdened for people with heart conditions and told her story from last year (see Brazil Mission Report 2005). Several received ministry on the platform.

She then called for people with back conditions. A woman’s back went into Holy Ghost ‘traction,’ her arms dramatically moving back and forth as LaVonne ministered; she shed tears of joy as God adjusted her back. LaVonne then led everyone in the same ministry where they stood.

One man did not get his healing, so LaVonne asked Eric to jump down and minister to him. When Eric laid his hand on his back, the man bent over, felt no pain, and was ecstatic! He started leaping and jumping, and shouting and clapping, up and down the length of the aisle! When finally he returned to his seat, he still carried on praising the Lord with loud cries!

Eric then felt a burden for barren women or those who continually miscarry, etc. He told his story of Mala in India (see his India Diaries Selection). LaVonne also gave a testimony in this respect; and LaVonne prayed for the ladies who responded.

Eric then invited people to stand who wanted more of the Holy Spirit. People were seen to be really engaging with the Holy Spirit one-on-one.

And so the meeting ended, but not the ministry!

Outside the church, a boy came to Eric with an arm a lot shorter than the other. Following an accident when younger, metal had been inserted in his arm and he showed us the scar from the surgery. He hadn't joined in the ministry inside the church because he didn't think God could do anything with an arm with metal in it! Even so, his friends were urging him to get ministry.

So Eric ministered right there in the open and God grew his arm out, equal with the other. He was amazed! He showed his friends; he showed Pr Antonio.

Sunday 26th

Lunch today was at Pr Antonio's house in the countryside just outside town, an open-air barbecue. The house was shaded by trees and blessed by a constant light breeze, so despite temperatures above 100F it was very pleasant indeed.

We had two services today – at 5pm and 8pm – but they practically blended into one.

LaVonne spoke about missions, perfect preparation for Eric's message, "The Man of God's Right Hand;" and as with every meeting, it was never exactly the same message. Eric really preached with fire and it ignited the congregation and pastors, especially Pr Antonio.

Eric led the people in a prayer of commitment and then mindful of Pr Paulo's remark that the people here are really shy, handed the microphone to Pr Antonio for an altar call. Five people responded.

We then had a lengthy period of open ministry one-on-one. LaVonne ministered down the aisle and Eric ministered on the platform. People were falling out under the power, including pastors and deacons, and the singers and the worship team.

By now it was 7.45pm and we took a short break while the new service got under way.

During the worship, LaVonne went out of her way to bless all the children, like a mother with a mission. She laid a hand on every child in the building and also went into the overflow building. Then as the worship ended and it was her time to speak, she preached on the importance of our children, on Jesus' love for them, and their love for Him.

Eric again spoke on "The Man of God's Right Hand" as the Lord did not want any in the church to miss this message. Again it was a variation on the central theme and again he spoke with fire and the people and pastors were stirred.

There was one of those God-moments when Eric was describing the way of the eagle using the storm to climb and go over it; and he and Paulo looked behind them as one and waved the storm goodbye. The people roared!

Eric then led the whole congregation in receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit where they stood.

Fifteen people came to testify they had received their new heavenly prayer language. Again we believed there were more than these 15. Those who had received the baptism had the fact written all over them as they were so impacted.

Pr Antonio was again given the microphone for an altar call and seven came up on the platform for salvation. Again we do not know how many were saved in the next building or in their homes as they watched on television and the internet.

We thought to end the service right there as we were facing an early morning bus ride back to Cuiaba. The people however had other ideas for they kept coming to us for ministry and were falling out.

Eric ministered to a woman who two years previously had stepped on a nail; her foot and leg had become infected and inflamed and now she could not stamp her foot without intense pain. After ministry she was stamping her foot without any pain whatsoever.

Eric ministered to a boy with no sight in one eye. After ministry he could see shapes and forms. Eric ministered again and it was better still but still not perfect. He ministered a third time with no significant improvement. Eric encouraged the boy to keep thanking Jesus and believe. Some healings are instant miracles; others resolve over a period of time.

Backs were healed. Headaches were healed. People were giving thumbs-up as they were healed. Eric ministered to a young woman in much pain; and when she was set free, they 'high-fived' each other.

We again prayed for couples who fell out. Pr Paulo and his wife fell out together; and while they were down, Paulo broke into holy laughter, just as he'd done in the car. Suddenly a deacon also broke out in holy laughter, slumped in a chair below the platform.

It was a wonderful ending. Pr Antonio was raising his hands up and up and up, to indicate how he felt about the evening. We give all the glory to Jesus.

National Baptist Church, Varzea Grande - MT, Monday 27th

Parting at the bus station was such sweet sorrow but we were blessed that God had given us a Christian bus driver who throughout the 8 hour journey played Christian worship songs over the audio system! We don't know what the other passengers thought, but we certainly enjoyed it!

Our bus driver would have loved to talk after we reached Cuiaba and though the language barrier prevented him, his smile said it all.

This was our finale and this was the finale of this church's Fire Sowers Conference. The place was packed with, again, one thousand people in the main hall and 500 in the adjoining hall. We had experienced an amazing service here four days ago but this service topped it, truly our Grand Finale. We were determined to make the most of our final evening despite being tired after so long on the road.

Shortly before the service began, a boy came on to the platform bearing a gift for LaVonne. It was a book with a message inside in Portuguese, a note of love and appreciation for LaVonne from his mother.

After the worship which was excellent, LaVonne spoke passionately of God's faithfulness in fulfilling her dream to be a missionary and then she said she was about to cry! Her short message led beautifully into Eric's message.

Eric preached on a higher level than ever before. The message was, of course, "The Man of God's Right Hand," but with all guns blazing! And Pr Suman and LaVonne were cheerleading!

Eric was calling the church to higher levels of faith. The pastor absolutely loved it! At times he was on his knees! Pr Carlos, interpreting, was also giving his all.

Eric led the church in a prayer of commitment and then handed on to LaVonne who began calling out healings as the Spirit revealed them to her spirit. People were being healed all over the building – not forgetting also the adjoining building.

Eric then led the church into mass baptism in the Holy Spirit and in speaking in tongues. He then taught on interpretation of tongues and singing in tongues and said he would now sing in the Spirit and interpret. He did so and LaVonne did the same. Then all three of us - Eric, LaVonne, Carlos – spontaneously began singing together in the Spirit!

The harmonies were truly inspiring, heavenly! The singers returned to their microphones and the musicians joined in - you simply had to be there and experience what seemed to be heaven breaking into the church. People were really meeting with God. It was glorious!

One young man, shaking with the power of God, found himself baptised in the Spirit and speaking in tongues - and he hadn't even been saved! He was now! Two other souls were saved with him.

We separated and began to minister among the people. Someone came to Eric and told him the man in the wheelchair wanted to walk. Walk he did. He did not leave the church pushing his chair but his faith was high and we're sure he was encouraged by the two significant walks that he made. We're also sure he will dispense with his chair altogether with persistence.

A woman with all-over body pain came to Eric and was set free with smiles and a thumbs-up.

Pr Suman's daughter-in-law came to LaVonne and Eric separately for ministry and fell out each time.

A lady came to Eric and stood proxy for her husband to cure him of chronic snoring and she fell out. (Maybe she just needed a good sound sleep!☺)

LaVonne was also having a great time of ministry. A lady came for a hug. As she was hugging her, God spoke one word, "rejection." So she cast out the spirit of rejection. The woman's head started jerking against LaVonne's shoulder. When it stopped, the woman was free.

Hernias, headaches, more anointing, whatever the need or desire, God was touching people and they were falling. Children were blessed. Couples were blessed.

A demonised woman was referred to Eric. In Jesus' name, he commanded the evil spirit to leave. The lady was thrown to the ground and after some time she got up free.

It was now so very late that the air-conditioning had turned off. We were soaking wet with perspiration but we were so elated and very happy! The church had broken new ground and Pr Suman described the service as: "great, the very best!"

Sao Paulo, Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th

The next day Pr Suman took us out to lunch and for some sight-seeing in Cuiaba before dropping us at Cuiaba Airport for our evening flight back to Sao Paulo. There we spent the night and the whole of the next day in an Ibis Hotel sleeping and resting before our flight out of Brazil at 23.40.

We thank the Lord for all that He did on this mission. We give Him all the glory and acknowledge that apart from Him we are nothing and can do nothing. It's not by might nor by power but by His Spirit.

ALL the praise and ALL the glory to Jesus!