

Reformed Tastes

from around the world

The Independent Presbyterian Church has 500 members. Our church is a lively church with many people involved every Sunday in worship.

Our slogan is "church you live." Many things happen in the church and its buildings during the week and in the weekend. The church is always full of people.

Our church helps people to have a better life. We have several social projects for people who live on the margins of the society, especially children, youth and women.

The name of the organisation responsible for the social projects is Bethel (house of God) which is a result of diaconal work. At this moment we have 95 kids and teens and 42 adults.

Volunteers teach reading and writing for people who can't read. These people who couldn't read before feel very happy being able to read. People told us how it was humiliating for them to ask where the bus was going or how frustrating it was not being able to sign your name in the bank.

To keep children and teens from the street and to help them to discover their talents, we have classes of ballet, jiu jitsu, music and theater. We also have handcraft classes for women to help them produce their own crafts and maintain their family with the money they earn from it. In addition, we have computer classes and a course for teenagers to prepare them for their first job.

Last year we celebrated ten years of Bethel and we are very thankful to God to be able to help people to have a better life.

—Rev. Clayton Leal da Silva,
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