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WHY GREAT CITIES?

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FOR OVER FORTY YEARS,

Great Cities Missions has been transforming lives and changing communities by helping church planting mission teams establish churches in the Latin World. Our staff is our ministry. When you support Great Cities Missions, you support people like **Scott Reynolds**.



Scott serves as Associate Director at Great Cities Missions. Scott, along with his family, served as missionaries in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for eight years. Scott also worked for two years as a marriage and family therapist prior to his move to Brazil.

Scott and Sharla have been married for 29 years and have three children. Their daughter Sydney works with the Impact Church of Christ in Houston. Sawyer is a newlywed (wife Emily) and he works as a marketing director for

Chick-fil-A in Lubbock. Sam (18) has been accepted to Lubbock Christian University and will begin classes in the fall. In ministry, Scott is passionate about seeing God's Kingdom expand throughout the world, but especially in Latin America, families strengthened, walking alongside fellow disciples and serving in worship related ministries. He also serves faithfully with our Connections missionary renewal retreats.

Great Cities is fortunate to have someone like Scott Reynolds who is so dedicated to Sharing Christ with the Latin World. ▼

The Reynolds Family ▼



“The church in Brazil needs to **think big** and understand the **worldwide** mission that God has given us.”

— *Joao Victor's dream for the future of the church plant in Boa Vista, Brazil.*



Feeding the hungry. Clothing those in need. Sheltering the poor. By planting churches in the Latin world.

Joao Victor (25) is part of a six person, Brazilian national team who will spend the next two years preparing for the missionary field while living in Campo Grande. The target date for the team to arrive in Boa Vista is January 2021. Bryan Gibbs, GCM Director of Church Development, recently sat down with Joao to talk to him about his dreams for Boa Vista.

Joao, who was raised in a Christian home in Bauru, Brazil and baptized when he was 17 years old, realized as a young man that to be a truly **effective leader** he would need additional training. He decided that SerCris Christian Training School in Campo Grande was the best place to prepare himself for future ministry. After completing his studies in Theology at SerCris, he decided to pursue a bachelor's degree in Marketing, and has recently completed that goal as well.

Bryan asked Joao why he wanted to serve as a missionary. He said he saw a need for additional church plants in Brazil. He realized he would rather plant a church and help it grow to be healthy than wait for God to place him in the "perfect church". When asked why the team decided to partner with Great Cities Missions, Joao talked about the first hand knowledge and experience that GCM offers new teams. "We didn't see any group in Brazil that was offering the help you offer. **We need to learn what you have to teach us.** You have helped us discover our gifts, facilitated the development of deeper relationships among team members, taught us about conflict resolutions and helped us understand that mission work is complex and challenging. In a word, **you helped us see our mission in a realistic light.**"

"When I look at churches throughout Brazil – Niteroi, Campo Grande, Brasilia, Curitiba, and many other places, I can only be grateful for the work you have done in my country. Great Cities is greatly appreciated by Christians throughout Brazil. Without your help our team would not exist. Thank you!"



GCM is thankful to have a team of **dedicated specialists** in the field of missionary church planters who will pour into future missionaries willing to share Jesus in Latin America. Specialists like **Dr. Becky Holton**, a licensed therapist and GCM Director of Missionary Care, **Scott Reynolds**, former Brazilian missionary and GCM Associate Director, and **Bryan Gibbs**, also a former missionary to Brazil and GCM Director of Church Development.

When you donate to Great Cities Missions, you are supporting people like Becky, Scott, and Bryan who are the heart of our ministry. You are supporting new church planting teams like the Boa Vista Team. And you are supporting future missionaries like Joao.

SAVE THE DATE



Tulsa, OK – Tuesday, August 27 at The Patriot Golf Club
Nashville, TN – Tuesday, September 10 at The Legends
Dallas, TX – Tuesday, October 8 at The Tribute