

# The Neptune Family





# Jesus' Mission Statement

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, **to set the oppressed free**, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

**Luke 4: 18 & 19**



# John the Baptist question

<sup>20</sup> When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’”

**Luke 7: 20**



## Jesus' answer to John

<sup>21</sup> At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. <sup>22</sup> So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy<sup>[a]</sup> are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

**Luke 7:21,22**



# Jesus is the head of the Church

<sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

<sup>18</sup> And he is the **head of the body, the church**; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

**Colossians 1:17,18**



# United World Mission

## **Mission Statement:**

See God change lives and transform communities everywhere by partnering to **equip** leaders, **establish** churches, and **engage** in holistic mission.



# RENAS

The Rede Evangélica Nacional de Ação Social - **RENAS is a nationwide evangelical network that focuses serving the poor and disenfranchised of Brazilian society.**

RENAS is comprised of an alliance of Christian organizations and churches.



# Statistics

- **27.3 million** children and adolescents are poor, living in households with per capita income up to half the minimum wage finding themselves in very vulnerable situation.
- More than **250 thousand** children and adolescents are sexually exploited in Brazil
- **90%** of children and adolescents are violated by people they know.





# Mission and Vision of BNR

To use mega sporting events like the World Cup and Olympics to draw attention to the problem of sexual violence in Brazil. Our main objective is to mobilize the church to be a safe place for the millions of vulnerable children. We believe that the church is a sleeping giant that must be awakened to break the silence of sexual violence and be a strong advocate for children.



# Areas of Focus:

- **Raising awareness:** Driving change in the Society and more specifically the church on sexual violence and how to become change agents in the protection of the rights of children and adolescents.
- **Prevention:** Developing innovative projects and strengthening institutions that protect children at risk.
- **Empowerment:** Giving children and adolescents the opportunity to participate in the protection of their humans rights.

# Results of 2014 World Cup

Action	Number
Mobilized Churches	214
Mobilized Organizations	129
Trained Adolescents	1512
Activities	210
Participating Cities	20
Mobilized Volunteers	1200
Brazilian fans and tourist	40,000



# Contexts of Sexual Violence

- Mega Sporting Events
- Large Construction Projects
- Ecco Tourism
- Carnival and other Cultural Events
- School
- Church
- Home



# Negative effects of Sexual Violence

Children that survive sexual exploitation usually suffer **trauma** which maybe **physical, mental and emotional**. The negative impact of trauma impacts the child in a variety of ways. It may lead to, **physical risks** include **poor health, unwanted pregnancies for girls** and a **greater likelihood of HIV infection**.



# Negative effects of Sexual Violence

Psychological trauma also contributes to **problematic behaviour** and **trust issues**. The majority of child survivors have **substance abuse problems** as they turn to **drugs and alcohol** in order to cope with their pain. Many will have **suicidal thoughts** and tendencies throughout the course of their lives because **they feel unloved, ashamed and worthless**.



# Outcomes

- Child Protection Policies
- Detection of sexual violence
- Educate children on their rights
- Provide resources for churches
- Report sexual violations
- Pilot intervention programs
- Child advocates



# Join Our Team

- Be an Advocate
- Pray for Justice and healing
- Financial Support





## Proverbs 31: 8, 9

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> You should defend those who cannot help themselves. <sup>9</sup> Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.  
(Living Bible)