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## Bible Translation Conference.

Curitiba, Paraná BRAZIL



Brazil's first conference on Bible translation for all people: most fun ever!

*Brazilian mission organizations, Brazilian churches, and people involved in, exploring involvement in, or interested in Bible translation / minority languages came to Curitiba for this three day event.*



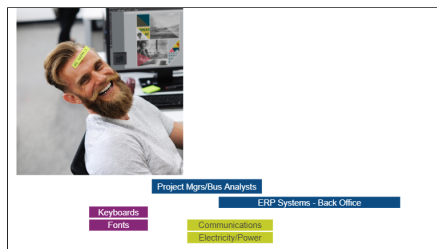
**Did you know?** In Brazil, they talk about three "waves" of missionaries: The first wave, they say: foreigners who brought the gospel to Brazil. Then Brazilian nationals. And then the indigenous peoples of Brazil. The later waves don't replace the previous ones. They build on one another: a global movement to reach Brazil and the nations with the life changing good news of Jesus Christ.

"I came that they might have life -- and have it abundantly" - Jesus

*My part of the conference:*

## Technology that powers a movement

Below: some of my slidedeck (in English... A Portuguese version was shown in my presentation.)



*Here's the end of my talk (practically like you were there)...*

**What's next?** God is opening new doors, new technology. In missions, there is a long history of innovation. We do not want to be the generation that stops that. We want to step it up.

And then this challenge... **And what's next for you?**

- Are you considering a **career as an IT missionary**? You're thinking, "I want to step out into full time missionary service using my IT skills."
- Maybe **volunteering** or **interning**? "I'm a student. I could give a summer.", "maybe I have a sabbatical to give", or "I'm planning to retire

early and then volunteer"

- How about **contributing to an open source project**? You're saying, "Give me some github repositories, I'll see what I can do."
- Perhaps you're one who will **spread the word**. "I'm going to tell people about the need for technology in missions." or "I'm going to advocate for the lesser known language communities." or "Where I have opportunity in my career, I want to influence for digital access for all languages"
- **Give**. You're saying, "I get it. My heart is where my treasure is. And this is where my heart is. I want to give. I want to make a commitment to give a portion of what God has given me to make this possible."

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Pray for those God is calling to engage in his kingdom work! Some are people I got to meet because I was privileged to spotlight the needs in technology.

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