

# Saint Lazarus - Brazil



## St. Lazarus in Brazil – Latest Actions and Projects

Following the guidelines and standards implemented internationally by the United Grand Priorities of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and by the Lazarus Union – CSLI, and the seriousness and transparency adopted by the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil, we send our report of activities with the major activities:

### - Donation of Books – SC/AVFAB

The leadership of the Delegation of Santa Catarina of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil collected and then donated 84 books and three educational games to the National Association of Veterans of the Brazilian Air Force (AVFAB) at the São Paulo Airbase, and the AVFAB was represented by Donizete Coimbra Batista, one of its directors.



### - Incentive for blood donation



On 18/02/2017 the Group CSLI Divinópolis-MG of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil held a day of encouragement and awareness to blood donation.

In partnership with Hemominas Foundation, the Group was on the streets of Divinópolis in order to mobilize and educate the people of the city on blood donation. They distributed 3,000 thousand Hemominas' leaflets that explain the importance of donating blood.



## - Reiki Project - Campinas



Continuing the action initiated in 2016, the year 2017 the Executive CSLI Group of Campinas of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil -Lazarus Union International, made more 5 training courses for staff visits to locations where will offer free treatment of Reiki. During the year 2017, 37 more people were prepared for the missions.

Through this project, interested people receive training in Reiki in its different levels. Those who complete the courses receive certificates of Saint Lazarus Academy of Chivalric and Humanitarian Studies (ASLECH) qualifying them, also, to voluntary actions that will be organized by the Group.

Reiki is a Japanese natural therapy that, through the gentle touch with the hands, active, restores and balances the vital energy of the body, stimulating the immune system healthy responses.

## - Seminar about the Lazarus Union Actions

The Order Saint Lazarus Brazil -Lazarus Union International, through its Group CSLI Nova Friburgo – RJ conducted a seminar about on NGOs at the University Estácio de Sá - Campus Nova Friburgo, for Students of communication and psychology courses. The leader of the Group decided to talk about Austrian NGO unknown of Brazilians, as Greenpeace, doctors without borders and WWF are already known.



He presented the history of Lazarus Union, since 2006 until now, its entry into the UN, its Special Consultative Status, its quantitative growth, its global presence, its nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize, the differences between charitable and humanitarian missions, the links with the Order of Saint Lazarus and working together with other NGOs.



## - Award tribute to Firefighters

On March 6, 2017, the National Command of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil - Lazarus Union International participated in the Solemn Session to honor the Military Firefighters of State of São Paulo.

In a grand ceremony which took place in the State Legislative Assembly, the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil awarded two Crosses of Merit of Fire Fighters in gold, issued by our partner ACHOC, to the Congressman Colonel Camilo and to the Commander of State Military Police of São Paulo, Cel PM Nivaldo Cesar Restivo.



## - Women's day, day of beauty

In honor of women's day, the Group CSLI Divinópolis-MG of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil held the Day of beauty.

A social action which proposed haircuts, hairstyles and makeup for women from poor communities, which normally has no access to or conditions to afford aesthetic treatments. On this day 32 women received care from our volunteers and enjoyed being treated as the real queens they are.



## - Donation of disposable gloves

On March 17 the Group Nova Friburgo from CSLI- Order Saint Lazarus Brazil made the donation of 500 disposable gloves to the Home Shelter Love to Jesus (LAJE), in the town of Nova Friburgo, Rio de Janeiro.



LAJE, a philanthropic organization, was founded more than 80 years ago, on 14 July 1929, by a group of people concerned about the constant death of beggars on the streets of the city, because of cold and hunger. Institution of Long Permanence for Elders, it follows the rules laid down by ANVISA. Has today 80 elderly, needy, all requiring special care. Its main objective is the physical and psychological recovery of the sheltered, taking them out of sub-human conditions that often are. Due to the number of elderly, it counts today with a physician specialized in geriatrics, audiologists, dentists, physical education professionals, psychologists, physiotherapists and nursing technicians.

In another example of the seriousness and the commitment of our members, we congratulate the Group of Nova Friburgo for this action.





## - Ceremony of the Encouragement Public - France

On March 25, 2017 the Order Saint Lazarus Brasil – Lazarus Union International participated as a special guest of the General Assembly of the association “Encouragement Public” in France.



The Encouragement Public, is a French organization that celebrates this year its 85th birthday, and has as mission to honor and distinguish those who act with unselfishness, individually or through associations, and to recognize the women and men who take care of that ones in need, in the most different forms.

The General Assembly happened at the prestigious Military School (École Militaire) in Paris and was followed by a ceremony of granting of awards. In this ceremony, some of the members of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil were officially awarded with the magnificent medals of this institution, including a promotion to the rank of Grand Cross. The Order Saint Lazarus Brazil awarded some members of Encouragement Public with some of our decorations.



In a big surprise, and a strong signal and patent of our seriousness and international recognition of our actions and our partnerships, we also have been awarded with the Bronze Medal of the city of Paris. One of the highest honors awarded by the city of lights, and that light forever the way of work and dedication to the CSLI-Brazil for more than 12 years already.

## - Donation of Clothes in Nova Friburgo

On a visit to the Home of the Poor Saint Vincent de Paula in the town of Nova Friburgo-RJ, our Group Nova Friburgo of CSLI - Order Saint Lazarus Brazil took the opportunity to make a donation to this institution.

After being received by Sister Helena and Sister Adriana, who are both in charge of this entity, the members of the Group were able to visit the facilities that serve 80 elderly and 80 disabled, totaling 160 individuals in need.

They donated 35 pieces of clothing were donated in excellent condition, 16 blankets and 1 special "egg shell" mattress.

Congratulations once again to the members of the Group Nova Friburgo.



## -Solidarity Cinema, on Victory Day in SC

The most important action of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil - CSLI in the first half of 2017 was held by the delegation of Santa Catarina, which organized a large campaign among students of the second year of high school Manoel Henrique Daniel in the city of Penha/SC.



This action, called "Solidarity Cinema – Victory Day", was imagined and led by the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil, and joined, in a sole campaign, important elements of citizenship, solidarity and charity.



In order to organize 4 film projections on v-e day, may 8, for three weeks students collected clothing, personal hygiene items and food.

During this period of great social mobilization in the entire school, they collected 2,133 pieces of clothing, 347 items of personal hygiene and approximately 670kg of food. This whole collection was donated to the INAPC-National Institute of support to people with cancer and to the Elderly Nursing Home of Penha-SC.



This project earned us the nomination for the prestigious “Bank of Brazil Foundation Award for Social Technology” and is another great step that further increases our notoriety and that proves the seriousness, the values and the commitment of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil – Lazarus Union International.





## - Home Shelter Love to Jesus (LAJE)

On June 19, 2017, the Group CSLI Nova Friburgo of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil visited again the Home Shelter Love to Jesus (LAJE), in the town of Nova Friburgo, Rio de Janeiro.

In this action the Group donated 144 rolls of toilet paper, to help with the supplies and the needs of the “residents” of the shelter.

The seriousness and the commitment of the members of the Group Nova Friburgo are clear again, and put this unity between the most active of Brazil.



## - Jars for homemade pastries



In another visit to the Home Shelter Love to Jesus (LAJE), on June 25, the Group CSLI Nova Friburgo of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil this time made a donation to help in fundraising for the entity.

The Group donated 26 special glass jars for the manufacture and packaging of homemade pastries, which are made on site and put up for sale to raise funds for the LAJE.

## - Donation of Books-RJ

After a campaign that lasted several months, at the beginning of July the Commandery Agnus Dei of Rio de Janeiro of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil - Lazarus Union International held the delivery of 332 books to CELPI (Sewing and Milk Pro-Childhood) located in the city of Rio de Janeiro.

CELPI is an NGO that works in the Santa Marta favela in Rio de Janeiro. They sew clothes for newborns, offer computers and arts classes, and legal and psychological assistance to children and adolescents in need.

The donated books will be resold in you're the bazaar and the income will be used for the maintenance of his works.



## - Plastic goblets in Belo Horizonte

On July 13, 2017, the Group CSLI Belo Horizonte of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil - Lazarus Union International visited the Don Bosco Institute, which takes care of children with disabilities, all free of charge. Located in the Madre Gertrudes neighborhood in Belo Horizonte.



The Group donated 100 special plastic goblets. In addition to playing with the children and make an appointment for a brief return.

It was a day of much learning for the dedicated members of the CSLI BH and much satisfaction for having been able to help.

## - Brazilian Environmental Management Forum

The Order Saint Lazarus Brazil - Lazarus Union International, through the Command of the Aerial Corps, participated in Brazilian Environmental Management Forum.

Held on 10, 11 and 12 June in the exhibition pavilion Dom Pedro in Campinas, the Forum discussed environmental issues and the participation of one of our senior members will allow us to frame our actions according to these premises.



## - Donation to the Elderly Home - BH



The Group CSLI Belo Horizonte, representing the Delegation of Monte do Cruzeiro in Minas Gerais of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil - Lazarus Union International held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July a mission of donation to the Elderly home Santa Gema Galgani.



To allow the organization of a party in the Elderly home and to raise the necessary funds with the selling of entry tickets, the Group made the donation of 200 plastic mugs.





## - Meeting in Sete Lagoas-MG

In order to inform and discuss the possibility of the creation of a new Group CSLI in the city of Sete Lagoas, and extend the actions of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil - Lazarus Union International, an informational meeting was held at the end of July this town.



The responsible presented a history of the order and the corps Saint Lazarus, as well as their values, their goals and their mission. Twelve people attended the meeting and the creation of this new Group will be deliberated by both parties.



## - Culture Without Borders



The Commandery of São Paulo of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil – Lazarus Union International organized a cultural and solidarity campaign in the city of São Paulo.

This action, called " Culture Without Borders " was hatched and led by the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil - CSLI, and merged, in a sole campaign, important elements of culture and of solidarity and charity.

In order to bring culture to people from poor communities, the São Paulo State Commandery of Order Saint Lazarus Brazil offered 80 tickets to the musical show "Les Miserables" and on the same occasion collected donations of clothing.

People who participated in this action, received not only tickets for the play, but also free transport, and for the vast majority of them it was the first time they went to a theater.



The 110 pieces of clothing collected were donated to the APAE of Ferraz de Vasconcelos.



## - Food Donation

For the first time the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil - Lazarus Union CSLI asked the guests who participated in its solemn ceremony to make donations of food.



Counting on the goodwill and generosity of the guests as well as our own members, we were able to collect over 400 kg of non-perishable food.



These foods were donated to relief works of the church Our Lady of Achiropita, which opened its doors for our ceremony and, as a sign of appreciation, we were very happy to be able to offer a small return.

## - Hospital Visit



On the August 19, 2017, the Group CSLI Viamão-RS (still in probation) of Order Saint Lazarus Brazil- CSLI made a hospital visit at the Hospital of the Military Brigade of Rio Grande do Sul.

## - Food distribution

The Group CSLI Viamão-RS (still in probation) of Order Saint Lazarus Brazil- CSLI, on the next day (20/08/2017) made the distribution of 150 bowls of hot soup and bread to the patients and relatives of local hospitals and also to homeless of the neighborhood. This action happened at the Hospital emergency room and the Santa Casa de Porto Alegre-RS and in its surroundings.



## - Culture without borders 2

An action of great relevance and importance of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil- CSLI in the second half of 2017 was held by the State Command of Sao Paulo, which organized a large cultural and solidarity campaign in the city of São Paulo.



The second phase of this action, called of "Culture Without Borders" was hatched and led by the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil, and merged, in a sole campaign, important elements of citizenship, solidarity and charity.



Again, in order to bring culture to people of poor communities that do not have access or means to it, São Paulo State Command offered 150 tickets to the musical play "Les Miserables" and on the same occasion collected donations of clothing.

On August 26th, the people who participated in this action, received not only tickets for the play, but also free transport, and for the vast majority of them it was the first time they went to a theater.

The more than 350 pieces of collected clothing were donated to the APAE of Ferraz de Vasconcelos (Association of Parents and Friends of the Handicap Children).

This impressive action was orchestrated by one of the Officers of the State Commandery of São Paulo of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil- CSLI, which we hope will soon be able to take the lead in the Metropolitan Area of São Paulo and in the future even the hole State, and perform other actions like these, showing once again the seriousness, the values and the commitment of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil- CSLI.



## - Meeting in Sete Lagoas - MG



After deliberation and reflection on both sides, that would be viable and productive the creation of a new Group CSLI in Sete Lagoas-MG, a second meeting was held in the city.

The purpose of the meeting was to clarify and put together the tasks that must be performed. An institutional video was presented (taken from social networks) to members and guests.

The meeting was very productive and the future members and the entities present were very excited to begin the work.





## - Civic Parade in BH

On September 7, 2017, attending an invitation from the members of the battalion of Suez, the command of the Group CSLI Belo Horizonte of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil was present at the civic military parade celebrating the proclamation of independence of Brazil.



It was an important day to see friends and to strengthen the important ties between these first Brazilian blue berets and the command of the Group.

Hopefully, after a few meetings, some more news about joint actions between this battalion and the local Lazarite actions.

## - Action in Viamão - RS



On the afternoon of September 9, 2017, the Group CSLI Viamão-RS (still in probation) of Order Saint Lazarus Brazil– CSLI made the donation of 3 soccer balls and 25 hot dogs to disadvantaged children in the city of Viamão, Rio Grande do Sul.

## - Donation in Nova Friburgo

The Group Nova Friburgo of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil– CSLI made a donation to Home of the Poor Saint Vincent de Paula in the town of Nova Friburgo-RJ.



At this time the Group donated 160 razor blades, which will be used in the personal care of the residents of this charitable Home of the Poor.

This was the 17th and, unfortunately, the last mission of the Group CSLI Nova Friburgo. Congratulations once again to the members of the Group, and we all really thank them for the dedication and seriousness they developed their charitable missions during the time they were active.



## - Inaugural Mission in Sete Lagoas - MG

After two meetings for discussion and instruction, the Group CSLI Sete Lagoas – MG of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil– CSLI was placed on status of "in probation". Its Commander was officially named and the Brazilian National Command authorized the holding of an inaugural test mission.



This inaugural mission took place on September 24 and was implemented through the organization of a special day of actions that offered to the community of Sete Lagoas a diversity of activities:

- Free haircut (approximately 75 people received free haircuts);
- Of these, 7 were collected especially for making wigs for cancer patients;
- Blood pressure measurement and medical referral if necessary (132 people had their blood pressure measured);
- Gym activities, stretching and dancing, with great participation of the community;
- Distribution of sandwiches, drinks and candy for more than 250 people;
- Face makeup for approximately 50 children and trampolim for everyone;
- Hygienic material collection to donate later (approximately 200 items were collected)



This first mission of Group CSLI Sete Lagoas was a great success, and the national command authority requested only a few minor changes of administrative character for the next ones.





## - Spring Festival in Campinas - SP

The Executive Group CSLI Campinas and the Command of the Aerial Corps CSLI – Order Saint Lazarus Brazil made an action to help the Promotion Center for a Better World (CEPROMM) in Campinas-SP. This help was materialized by the support for the Spring Festival organized by this institution.



The Promotion Center for a Better World (CEPROMM) is a non-profit CSO (Civil Society Organization), that works with focus on ensuring the rights of children and teenagers. Installed in the neighborhood Jardim Itatinga, in Campinas-SP, considered the largest open-air prostitution zone of Latin America, the entity daily receives 270 children and adolescents. The presence of the red-light district facilitates the violation of rights of these children and adolescents, it is for non-violation of these rights is that the CEPROMM has been operating for 23 years at the site.



The Group donated 105 items to the Spring Festival, which facilitated sales and giveaways for the occasion.

One more action in Campinas that shows our seriousness and solidarity with other charitable institutions.

## - Recreational Afternoon - Sete Lagoas / MG

In its second mission, the Group CSLI Sete Lagoas (still in probation) of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil organized on October 15, 2017, a recreational afternoon in the elderly home St. Vincent de Paul Society, in Sete Lagoas.



On this day, various activities were offered free of charge to the 67 elderly people living in this household:

- Free nail cutting
- Free haircut
- Artistic face painting
- Painting of fingernails
- Adornments such as hats, glasses, feathers, masks, for photos.
- Live music for voice and guitar and accordion
- Donation of clothes and hygiene items
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A great and unforgettable moment not only for local residents but mainly for the members of the Group, which begin to experience the joys of helping others.





## - Lecture on stop smoking

After an invitation received from the Support Group Health and Life, the Group CSLI Sete Lagoas (still in probation) of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil made one more action.



On the 25 of October 2017 the Group presented a lecture with the goal of encouraging and helping people to quit smoking.

This lecture was held in an auditorium at the Canaan district in Sete Lagoas-MG and attended by 21 people.



## - Food donation

The Group CSLI Sete Lagoas (still in probation) of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil does not stop, on the contrary, it speeds up its actions.

In early November the Group initiated an action that will be continuous.

On this mission, the members of the Group will collect unused and untouched food at parties, events, and on other occasions, and will immediately distribute these foods to entities in need of the city of Sete Lagoas.

These collects have already been carried out on two occasions, and we hope to expand the partnerships so that next year even more can happen.



## - Rebuilding with Love

Things really didn't stop for the Group CSLI Sete Lagoas (still in probation) of the Lazarus Union Brazil.



In mid-November the Group began a long-term mission aimed at helping a family to rebuild their house. The Group Sete Lagoas works to collect donations of construction materials, and organizes the participation of volunteers who will use these materials to rebuild the house of Ms. Marilda and her 11 and 13 years old kids.



The Group CSLI Sete Lagoas has already got the donation of a large amount of material and will continue seeking help and this family.



## - Therapeutic Community Santa Catarina de Sena

In another mission of Group CSLI Sete Lagoas (still in probation) of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil, in mid-November they put into practice an action to support and help the Therapeutic Community Santa Catarina de Sena, in the city of Sete Lagoas, MG.

The Therapeutic Community Association Santa Catarina de Sena, founded in 2009, is a nonprofit institution, intended for specialized treatment of women with disorders resulting from the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, in residence scheme, providing a protected environment, technical and ethically oriented, providing all the necessary support to the internal treatment, with accompaniment of a multidisciplinary team of professionals specializing in chemical dependency; aiming the recovery of people, rescue of citizenship, and the continuing search for new possibilities of physical, psychological rehabilitation and social reintegration.

In this first visit the Group CSLI Sete Lagoas donated 72 pieces of clothing and 86 magazines that will be sold by the Association in its thrift store and the income will be used for its purposes.



## - Reading Room - Sete Lagoas

Also in mid-November, the Group CSLI Sete Lagoas (still in probation) of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil was invited to participate and help in a project of creating a reading room destined to children from the community of Sete Lagoas.



The Group attended the project launch event and made a donation of 120 duly selected books for the new reading room.



## - Book Donation - Sete Lagoas

In order to assist the Council of Criminal Executions (CONCEPE) of Sete Lagoas, the Group CSLI Sete Lagoas held a large collect of books.



The CONCEPE is an independent body provided for by law and is part of the organs of Criminal Execution. The Council offers to inmates' solutions for reduced sentence in closed regime and works in conjunction with the Criminal Execution of Sete Lagoas, with the judge of Criminal Execution and with the Prosecutor, and the Prosecutor in Penal Execution in Sete Lagoas. Also participates in the OAB and the Public Defender's Office in the State of Minas Gerais.



Following the Brazilian criminal legislation, the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil, through your Group CSLI Sete Lagoas, helped the formation of a library and donated 220 literary books, 80 textbooks and educational handouts 6.



## - Elderly nursing home



The November 30, 2017, due to request of nurses at the Elderly Home Santa Gema Galgani, the Group CSLI Belo Horizonte of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil made a donation to this institution.

The group donated nearly 600 items, divided between cleaning and hygiene supplies, office supplies and medicine. The Group was accompanied by two doctors, in order to verify any immediate medical emergency, and not nothing more serious has been found.

The Group Belo Horizonte is always alert and ready to help the ones who call, and the National Command congratulates once more by this action.





## - Blood Donation

After an awareness campaign about the importance of blood donation, held in conjunction with Hemominas Foundation, the Group CSLI Sete Lagoas (still in probation) of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil managed to gather 108 people interested in making a blood donation.

The collective donation act was held on December 13, 2017, at the Hemominas local site.

Transportation to the site was offered free of charge by a vehicle provided by the Secretariat of Sports of the city of Sete Lagoas.

The needs of blood and its derivatives are in constant increase and actions such as these are of great value to society as a whole.



## - Hosting Project



On 16 December 2017 the Group CSLI Sete Lagoas (still in probation) of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil held another charitable mission in its city. This time the Group has offered support for the Hosting Project.

Created in 2008 and reorganized in 2010, the Hosting Project has a team of 15 professionals, among teachers, social workers, psychologists, social educators and general services. Its mission is to welcome homeless people, children displaced by abandonment, migrants and people without means of support, among other groups that need a more targeted assistance.

The Group donated 85 pieces of clothing and 2 blankets, which will meet the needs of the 43 people the project takes care of.

The actions of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil in the city of Sete Lagoas were of immense impact to the community, thanks to the actions of the Group, and both the National and the International Command congratulate enthusiastically all its members. That in 2018 the pace stays the same.



## - National and International Recognition

The seriousness of our actions, of our projects, the defense of our chivalric, charitable and humanitarian values, keep bringing us recognitions, both within national and international range.

Different entities contacted us offering our deserving members their recognitions and awards. Many of our members were honored with these awards and others will still be able to postulate in some cases.

In the year 2017 our members received over 250 awards, medals, decorations and honors, of approximately 50 institutions, in different degrees.

Congratulations to all members of the Order Saint Lazarus Brazil for another year of dedication and hard work. Thanks to the commitment of each one we had an amazing year of 2017.

