



The Iteba Network Newsletter

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Mutirão IV Is Postponed

The Executive Board has decided, after weighting the benefits and costs, to cancel Mutirão IV this summer, but to reschedule it for summer 2007. The decision was based on a number of considerations. First, four ITEBA leaders will be attending the Presbyterian Women's Conference in Louisville from June 20 through early July and it would place a great burden (physical and mental) on them to return to Salvador and have to prepare for our arrival a few weeks later. Second, the folks at ITEBA have been spending great amounts of time on their new building and to take time off to prepare for our visit would set them back in their building work. Third, it is unlikely that they will be ready for us to work on the 3rd floor of the new building when we get there, and that was to be our major work effort. Thus, it seems more beneficial to postpone the trip until next summer.

ITEBA Leaders To Visit Network Churches

The four ITEBA leaders who will be attending the Presbyterian Women's Conference will arrive in the country before the Conference in order to visit various Network churches. Their visitation itinerary is being formulated now, so keep your fingers crossed that they might be able to visit your church. It should give us a wonderful opportunity to further publicize ITEBA, the Network, and to respond to their needs.

ITEBA Has Immediate Financial Needs

A number of unforeseen developments has left ITEBA facing serious financial needs. Part of this need is to cover unmet operating expenses for 2005 while the rest is for restoration costs of the new building. In response to this need, the Network is launching a special fund drive to raise \$39,900. Each person on our mailing list is being sent a letter outlining this need and appealing for funds. There is also a special Transmission Form for sending these funds to the Network. Several Network members have already made significant personal pledges to kick off the drive. All of us are urged to do our part as we are able.

Butterfields Have Two New Newsletters

Bob and Keiko Butterfield have posted two new Newsletters (dated December 2005 and January 2006) on their PCUSA mission website. Both are very interesting and discuss not only ITEBA, but also the political situation in Brazil. It is exciting to read that they have decided to renew their commitment to ITEBA for another 3 to 5 years. You may read these and all of their Newsletters on our website (<http://iteba.hanover.edu/Butterfields.htm>).