

# Nicky Hart

Dear Family and Friends,

This coming August 2008 I am returning to the Youth With A Mission base in Piratininga, Brazil as a staff member to continue my missions work for one year. Last week I visited the Brazilian Embassy in Washington, D.C. and submitted my application for a long-term volunteer visa. It has been a long process and a lot of paperwork, but with the help of a Brazilian lawyer, I should be approved in the near future. I have enclosed a slideshow on DVD of my mission's trip to Brazil last year that includes photos of my outreach in the Amazon.

Piratininga is a small town of 12,000 people located in the interior of Sao Paulo and the missionary base is located in the center of town. Upon arrival I will continue to build on the work I began with children in the orphanage, a mission for homeless seniors, teaching ballet and English at middle and high schools, and community service.

As a YWAM staff member my work will be made up of a variety of missions that include serving the community, offering biblical studies, counseling to middle and high school students, building relationships, and sharing the gospel. One of my goals for the next year is to organize a program for distributing food and clothing to the town's needy citizens.

While preparing to return, I have stayed in touch with my Brazilian friends through Skype, phone cards, and the internet, which has helped me improve my Portuguese. I continue to use Rosetta Stone Portuguese software also. As I become more fluent in the language, I will assist the Discipleship Training School by translating classes from Portuguese to English.

We use dance as a tool to connect with the community by teaching dance in the local schools. Quality extracurricular activities such as ballet are not available to most of these children. This is a dream come true for many of the kids and a great blessing that I am very excited about.

Working as a missionary does not include a salary or paid expenses, requiring me to my raise funds. The total cost is over \$14,000, my budget along with the mission's contact information is on the reverse side. I have just begun fundraising and have already raised \$1,300, but still need \$13,000 to meet my goal.

I invite you to join me in this mission by supporting me financially and every gift, regardless of size, will be greatly appreciated. Self-addressed, stamped envelopes are enclosed for your convenience. Please fill out the enclosed Support and Contact Information slip that you may also use for commitments to monthly support. Contributions can also be made through a PayPal link on my website at [www.NikHart.com](http://www.NikHart.com) For additional information and answers to any questions you may have, please contact me or Gary Hart at 434.823.8888.

For updates, photos, videos, my blog, and news, visit [www.NikHart.com](http://www.NikHart.com) And please enjoy my slideshow on the enclosed DVD!

Thank you again for all your prayers and support.

Love and Blessings,

Nicky Hart



Community Service



Bathing After Church

## **Budget**

### **Travel Expenses**

Air Fare	\$1,800
Visa:	
Lawyer	\$240
Fees	\$160
Consulate	\$120
Misc	\$150
	<u>\$2,470</u>

Airfare is both ways and includes travel from Sao Paulo to Piratininga. The lawyer is in Brazil and represents YWAM and their staff. There were three trips to the consulate in Washington DC.

### **Monthly Expenses**

Rent	\$350
Groceries	\$350
Phone	\$50
Transportation	\$50
Travel	\$200
	<u>\$1,000</u>

Rent is for a room shared with 3 other staff members on the base and includes utilities. Groceries includes toiletries. Transportation is primarily by local bus. Travel is for out of the area mission expenses.

### **Reference Letter**

Nicky took her DTS at Praise Village in 2007 and she has blessed us a lot since then. Her heart to love people, improve their situation in small things and bring hope, is one of the most effective ways to share the Gospel, bringing God's kingdom, and reflects her call to the missionary field. She loves God and inspires people to do the same. We can see her as an intercessor, ready to answer God's invitation to pray and support people. She has a heart that is aware of people's needs and she is open to serve anytime.

We can recognize her call to Brazil and she will play a key role at Praise Village, since she loves Piratininga and will bless our city. One of the strategies that God gave us as a YWAM base is to use arts to reach people and her background as a dancer will help us. She has so many opportunities here to teach dance to poor children and at private schools, and she is the only one that could do it today here.

We do believe in everything God is calling her to live and we as a leadership team are looking forward to have Nicky with us. Please, if you want more information about us, feel free to contact me.

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### **Prayer Request**

*Please pray that my financial needs are met, travel arrangements and travel go smoothly and safely, and that I fulfill the purpose of my mission.*