

# Missionaries to Brazil: The Leamans

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Dear Friends,

Leah had the opportunity to speak several times this last month. One of these meetings was for over two hundred young women from various denominations and independent churches. The title for the event was “Strong Theology – Strong

Women.” She loved the topic, and we agreed she should not resist the privilege to share God’s Word with all these young women.

Leah has rejected many opportunities to speak since she has been in Brazil. Why? As most of you know, she has seven young boys and a busy husband. Her eight guys could not do what they need to do without her sacrificial presence. She teaches many about loving husband and children, self-control and about working hard. She teaches by example, that being kind and submissive to

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your husband even if he does not deserve it, is actually being God’s kind of woman. Theology guides her, not culture nor feelings. She passionately believes that every woman must be a good theologian. Why? Because theology is what you believe about God, and that changes everything.

Leah’s whole life context turns heads, not just her beauty. When she was a young woman, she left her parents, wonderful brother and sisters, home, country, language and culture to serve God, a husband and a family. When she pulls up in the family vehicle, many are



Leah Leaman speaks of her passion for theology.

Ladies at conference on “Strong Theology— Strong Women”



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Conference attendees

bewildered. You see, the family vehicle is a box on wheels— no radio, no power steering, no anti-lock brakes, no air bags. It is an affordable work vehicle and because of its utility has been in production for over seventy years in Brazil. The vehicle went out of production in 2014 because of government safety standards. Who drives a Kombi? Sweaty, blue-collar workers who have not shaved or showered for some time. Period. You can understand why heads turn when this blonde, blue-eyed lady drives up. Then, when seven boys who are neatly trimmed and clean pile out of the side door.... Well, I think you get the picture. This kind of commitment and sacrifice is rare. She does these things because of her theology. Her God is big.

Seven children in the Brazilian culture is very rare. There were a couple of bewildered

journalists in our home a couple of months ago asking about the anomaly. The last generation of families in Brazil produce on average two children — three makes you strange and four radical. Even the infrastructure has changed. Today, they do not build apartments suited for nine plus occasional guests. God was gracious in allowing us to find a good apartment to rent.

The vast majority of women have professions in Brazil. How do they manage the house, food and children? Most middle class families have maids. The industrial and technological revolution that brought washing machines etc. did not arrive in Northeast Brazil until recently. This equipment is still expensive. You hang clothes to dry in the Northeast. The women that know her life do not understand how she does it all, most of the time, with no outside help. So, the question most people ask is, “Why? How?” Uhhh?...Theology!

After the lecture, one woman said, “Leah, yesterday you taught me that theology is life, and you demonstrated this. You taught me how to raise my children and be submissive to my husband. You taught me to love the Word of God and to trust that He is good all the time. Thank you, my friend!” They had never heard Leah speak before this occasion; yet, they invited her based on life experience and example. Leah had them in tears at certain moments. She did not shine up the realities of living with eight unglorified sinners. When she illustrated the reality of how seven boys fall apart over a can of Nutella, they were roaring with laughter. They had no clue that Leah has communication talent in her DNA. Leah showed them through word and example that we can know God’s will in a practical way; how to think, live, speak, buy, dress, train children, be a wife, daughter, sister, work, and how to think and live for His glory. She concluded, “Are you confident ladies that theology is practical? We are united to Christ and are daughters of God.”

Rev. Doug Leaman

**Preletores**

"Nós somos uma família de 8 [agora 9] que finalmente chegou ao Brasil!!! Nós estamos comprometidos com Cristo e em servi-Lo! Nós queremos suas orações agora uma vez que estamos desejosos para proclamar o Evangelho em Recife, Brasil! Douglas está ensinando Aconselhamento Bíblico em um seminário em Recife e trabalha com uma Igreja local aqui. Ele também trabalha com adolescentes ensinando basquete com o objetivo de evangelizar. Eu, bem... eu sou uma mãe de 6 [atualmente 7] meninos."

Leah Leaman

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***“Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people.”* Psa. 96:3**

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