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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Pierre Coudry has been an educational partner for Associação Escola Graduada de São Paulo since 1990. During this time, he has led three workshops on the teaching of Portuguese as a Foreign Language for teachers in our Brazilian Studies Department. His workshops are always very successful because Pierre brings to his teaching the experience and expertise he acquired while co-writing *Fala Brasil*, with Elizabeth Fontão.

For the last four years, Mr. Coudry has assumed the responsibility of creating and teaching a short immersion program offered to all our foreign hire teachers when they first arrive to Brazil. The pivotal component of this program is Mr. Coudry's ability to expertly balance language teaching with cultural education and appreciation, effectively helping newcomers feel comfortable in their new environment.

Since 1990, Mr. Coudry has been a language and cultural instructor for the Brazilian segment of the Summer Immersion Program which is offered by the Lauder Institute and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania to their Masters students in Brazil. For ten consecutive years, Pierre Coudry has proven to be an outstanding professional, whose competence is a key factor in the success of this program.

In all the above-mentioned projects, Pierre Coudry has been an excellent professional. He is hard working and committed to the teams to which he belongs. He is as proud of the language and the culture he represents as he is appreciative of other languages and cultures. Most of all, Pierre Coudry is a personable professional, who performs his duties with great enthusiasm and whose love of his subject touches not only the intellect but also the hearts of those around him.

For these reasons, we strongly recommend Pierre Coudry and wish him success in any endeavor that he may pursue.


Angelina Fregonesi
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July 23, 2000
São Paulo, Brazil

To Whom it may concern,

This letter is to give my wholehearted recommendation to the Interclass language school of Campinas, Brazil. For over 14 years now, the Christian and Missionary Alliance has sent its newly arrived staff to learn Portuguese, in a one year study program at Interclass. Without exception, our mission has been pleased with the results, not only in terms of language aptitude, but also with the overall adjustment experienced by our students.

Pierre Coudry (director of Interclass) and his wife Marina are not only highly trained linguists with years of experience, but are also hospitable and compassionate individuals, who take the classroom out onto the street, into the supermarket, into the home, forcing the pupil into practical language learning, helping overcome the many barriers that seem overwhelming in the early days of cross-cultural living. The same is true of all the Professors at the school.

The city of Campinas is an optimal location for a language school, and for recently arrived expatriates to make their initial adjustments to a new country and culture. It is a modern city, with quality public transportation, clean, offers a wide array of options in stores, restaurants, recreation, libraries, universities, and cultural experiences, besides its proximity to São Paulo. The school is well located in the Cambui section, with easy access by bus to almost all the city's neighborhoods.

Rev. Timothy M. Bubna
Field Director

1 December 1996

Jaguariúna

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a Professor of Clinical Psychology at the two major universities in Campinas when I studied Brazilian Portuguese with Professor Pierre Coudry at the Interclass Institute he directs, I feel I am in a position to evaluate, both professionally and personally, his learning program.

I studied at the Interclass Institute some four years. From the beginning of my studies, with his help, I was able to give lectures at the university, prepare texts in my field of studies, and converse easily with students and faculty. At the end, I was fluent in this language.

You should know that though I am competent in my field, that I have published respectably, I am not an exemplary student Especially when it comes to learning languages.

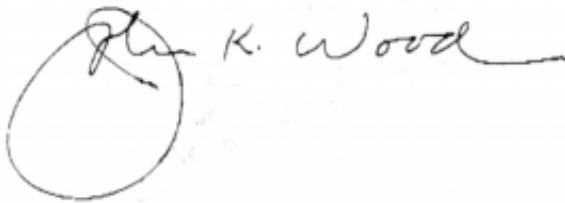
In spite of this, the Interclass approach was effective with me. And I have thought a bit about why this was so. The way I see it, there are three reasons that contribute to its success.

First, it emphasizes the day-to-day use of the language, including colloquial expressions one needs to navigate in the Brazilian culture. If you can't buy a tube of toothpaste, how are you going to better the world?

Second, it uses an organized approach through which the student's knowledge of grammar and speaking proficiency may grow together and uniformly. Professor Coudry and a colleague have published a book for students, along this line. It is called, *Fala Brasil*, and is indispensable for any foreign visitor wishing to learn Portuguese.

Third, although the staff of the Institute uses a method proven by its results, it does not forget that each student is a person who possesses certain learning strategies, has particular strengths and weaknesses, and deserves personal consideration. Thus, each lesson is tailored to both address the student's uniqueness and to take advantage of it in the promotion of learning.

Without reservations, I recommend Professor Pierre Coudry and the Interclass Institute to anyone interested in learning or teaching the Portuguese language of Brazil.

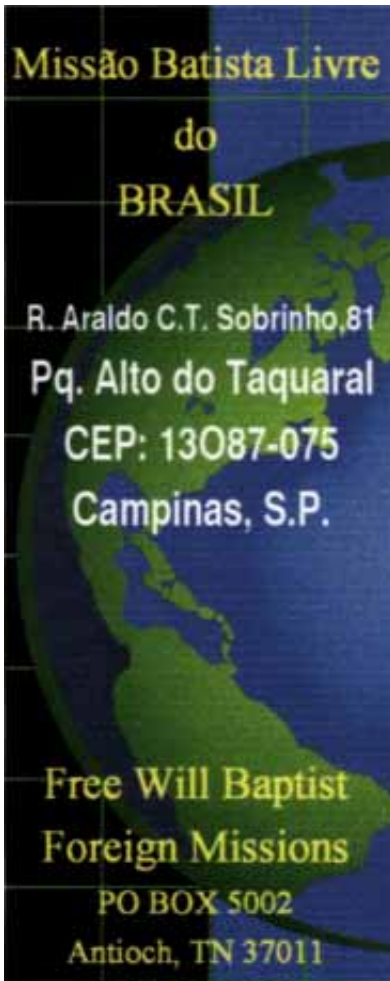
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John Keith Wood, Ph.D.

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Dear Prospective Students,

My name is Curt Holland and I am a Free Will Baptist Foreign Missionary in Campinas, Brazil. My wife and I studied at Interclass in 1992 and 1993 for about fourteen months. Our learning experience at Interclass was a very good one. Having lived in Campinas for many years, I can tell you that Interclass is your best choice for a good, comprehensive and valuable school for studying Portuguese. Not only will you learn the needed basics in grammar, pronunciation and etc., but you will also learn many cultural lessons. You will be treated as an important individual and valuable student. You will have to look long and hard to find two people that care more for their students than Pierre & Marina.

Although I cannot speak for the entire mission as a whole, I can testify to the fact that at the present time all of our new incoming missionaries are being asked to study at Interclass. Without any reservations, I willingly and strongly recommended Interclass to anyone that is wanting to learn Portuguese here in Brazil. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at my e-mail address any time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Curt Holland'.

Curt Holland
FWB Foreign Missions
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December 2, 1996

Mr. Donald W. Deering
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Dear Mr. Deering,

Creetings. It is with pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for the Interclass language school of Campinas, SP, Brazil.

First let me mention that for several decades the Presbyterian Mission of Brazil used the services of another language school, one in fact which some of our own pioneer missionaries founded many years ago. In the late 1970s, for a number of reasons, our Mission Executive Committee decided to find another school to provide this extremely important training for our new missionaries, a period of training by the way which is of a very intensive nature and typically lasts from six months to a year. From among the several possibilities available at that time, Interclass, founded in 1973, was chosen. It was a happy choice.

Since 1978 the Presbyterian Mission of Brazil has been using Interclass for virtually all its language training needs, and with extremely gratifying results. I say this as a veteran missionary of nearly 30 years service in Brazil. While still serving in the field, I had firsthand contact with our new missionaries who had just completed their initial training at Interclass. I was very pleased, in every case, to note that thanks to the careful foundation laid at Interclass these new workers were well on their way to fluency in Portuguese.

In 1990 my wife and I moved to Campinas to take over our Brazil Field Office, which has the responsibility for arranging language training and for supervising our new missionaries. Consequently we have been able to observe closely on a day-to-day basis the work done by Interclass. Mr. Pierre Coudry, the capable and personable Director of Interclass, designed and published the school's own method for teaching Portuguese to foreigners. He has gathered about him a group of able teachers. Pierre and his staff have the capability to tailor-make a program for each individual student's needs and language skills. In addition, they include other aspects, such as the cultural setting, in their training program.

Besides our missionaries, Interclass includes among its student body new missionaries of various other North American and European mission boards. Interclass also provides training for new workers destined for other Portuguese speaking countries such as Angola and Mozambique. Many executives and high-ranking employees of the international business community in Campinas, some of whom are personal acquaintances of ours, also choose to study Portuguese at Interclass because of the school's well-deserved high reputation and record of success.

Interclass receives our highest recommendation.

Please feel free to call on us if you have any questions or desire additional information.

Sincerely,



Allen Frank Musick
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Coordinator, Brazil Field Office
Treasurer, Presbyterian Mission of Brazil



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We hereby declare that since 1978, Interclass - “Instituto de Psicolinguística e Pesquisas Pedagógicas” has been our provider of Portuguese lessons as a Second Language to our American directors. During these 18 years the Interclass school under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Coudry has always demonstrated the highest qualifications, both didactics and professional. At Interclass, our directors have received besides the linguistic training the cultural support more than necessary for the comprehension of Brazil and its people.

The success and duration of our partnership are sustained on two bases: adequate training to the company’s objectives and quality of their responsible work.

Valinhos, SP - Brazil
November 29, 1996

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