



FACULDADE INTERNACIONAL DE TEOLOGIA REFORMADA

INTERNATIONAL REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

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Counting Our Blessings

2018 has been a great year for the IRTC/FITRef and its team. We finished our academic year with 65 students from many regions of Brazil and other countries. We can truly say: “Ebenezer, thus far the LORD has helped us.”

The Lord has blessed us with many additions to our administrative team this year. We have been able to hire new members for positions which have been open for quite some time. In June, **David Zekveld Portela** joined us as Vice-President for Student Affairs and IT Coordinator. More recently, **Geimar Lima** (Registrar) and **Suenia Almeida** (Newsletter Editor) have been added to our number. Suenia takes on this new role in addition to teaching IRTC/FITRef’s courses on the Portuguese language. Our prayer is that these new additions will not only improve our efficiency and quality of service, but also enable us to reach even more students with a Reformed theological education.



David



Geimar



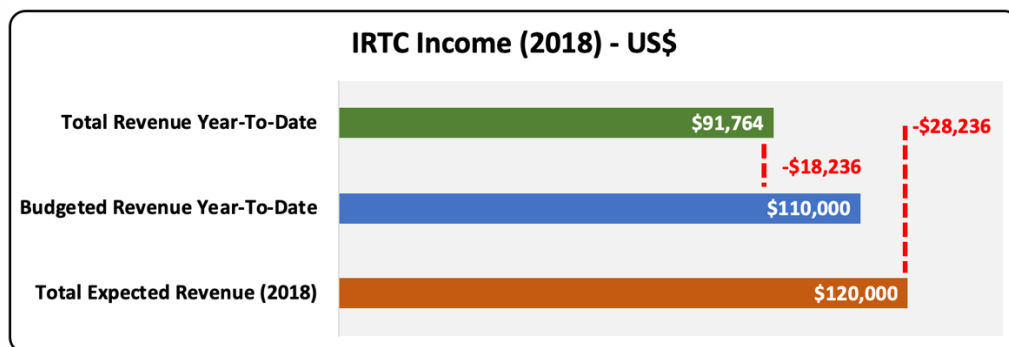
Suenia

We are also happy to begin 2019 with the fullest course offering we’ve ever had, bringing on new teachers to allow us to teach certain courses more regularly and at a greater level of excellence. As a Reformed Christian college, our goal continues to be to reach out to students of all denominations without compromising the Reformed identity of our teaching. We do this not only by delivering biblically sound content in our courses, but also by encouraging personal contact and discussions between instructors and their students,

through our forums and live classes. Students thus have the opportunity to learn from Reformed ministers engaged in the day-to-day application of the very concepts they are learning in class.

It is our belief that the Lord can use IRTC/FITRef to impact even more churches and communities around the world, as we remain faithful to His calling to train future leaders and pastors in His Word. Our plans for the next year include offering more resources to our students and promoting the College among Portuguese speakers in Brazil and abroad, in new and different ways.

We praise the Lord for the generosity of all who have contributed to the IRTC's activities this year. Financially as of the end of November, we are still \$28,236 away from reaching our fundraising goal. The IRTC strives to offer accessible and competitive prices. In order to reach that objective, and as a not-for-profit organization, we require additional gifts to supplement the college's income. The IRTC continues to trust that the Lord will raise up brothers and sisters to support this ministry.



Please visit the “Donations” page on our website: <https://irtc.online/donations>. There you will find all the information necessary for making your contribution in the USA. Canadian donors who would like a tax receipt, please make your donations through: <http://irtcsociety.ca>.

In addition, here are other ways you can support the IRTC:

1. Pray for the IRTC, its teachers, leadership, students, and financial situation
2. Refer prospective students to the IRTC
3. Share this newsletter to disseminate the work and the needs of the IRTC

All of us at IRTC/FITRef wish you a Blessed New Year!

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