I had the privilege of being a part of the leadership team that helped in the planning and organization of the Rio 16, an outreach ministry trip to Rio for the 2016 Olympic Games. My daughter Lauryn was able to join me on this trip. It was such a joy to see her take part in evangelism.

We had some delays getting to Rio, but were able to arrive in time to join our 95 teammates from seven countries. I helped facilitate all the team’s technical needs, such as cell phones, internet, photo sharing, video recording, and much more. I also led a team of about 10 people onto the streets of Rio to distribute literature. We were able to distribute 125,000 booklets to people from 106 countries, with at least 29 decisions for Christ.

Lauryn and I provided support to our team, helping them navigate technology needs as well as encouraging them in their evangelism efforts. Randy Richner, a missionary in Brazil, commented how thankful he was to have me on this trip. He mentioned the need for our technology expertise for mission work, not only on this trip, but also globally for carrying out the Great Commission. We are thankful for all our donors who helped us be able to travel to Rio.

Your gifts enabled us not only to participate on the team but to also take technology tools for the outreach and then give it to missionaries at the conclusion. Several things were discouraging during our trip—stolen camera and lost passport—but God provided the time to get a temporary passport to get home and a new camera when I arrived home from the trip. You can see a recap video of trip at www.techmin.org/rio16outreach.