



Report of Activities in Brazil

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Period: July 2017 to September 2018

National Level

- July 2017: Bazaar of the International School, collected R\$1,067.00. Donations for the castration of a cat that was at the Institute, to young people in need and to the Raja Centre.
- January 2018: Bazaar of the Summer School in Aracaju SE, R\$1,596.00 donated to the Cantinho do Céu Institution, an Educational Center in the municipality of São Cristovão, Sergipe, which has 64 needy children, enrolled in educational and other activities.
- A group of "OTS Arte" was created at the Summer School, in Aracaju SE. This group intends to foster, within the TS: music, poetry, choral creation to teach low income children and other cultural movements among TS members.
- July 2018: Bazaar of the International School, collected R\$1,656.00 and passed on to the Positive Institution, which works with children with HIV.

Regional Level

Brasilia

- December 2017: Bazaar in Brasília, collected R\$1,208.20; donated it to the Child Jesus Home, which takes care of children who were/are victims of violence, in the city of Sobradinho DF.
- September 2018: A joint effort was made to raise funds to help a homeless man, who lives in the headquarters of the National Section, who, due to death of his companion, his five children came to live with him, at the headquarters' house. There are young children and two teenagers. The amount collected was R\$8,548.00 (to date), for the purchase of bunk beds, mattresses, pillows, bedding, a table and a closet. The OTS sought psychological help for the children, and referred them to a clinic with psychologists, where they are receiving individual treatment and family therapy for the family.

Piracicaba/SP

- Ritual of Healing weekly.

Curitiba PR

- Healing ritual every Monday
- Feeding of abandoned dogs and cats
- Collection of basic food for the person who takes care of animals.

Bragança Paulista SP

- At the Theosophical Alaya Store, we began the work of OTS on February 16, 2016. Since then, we've had our group get together for a 'meditation for healing' twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. We are keeping up with this commitment to date. When the need arises, in addition to the 'meditation for healing', the group also looks after the other issues, on top of the regular meditation.

As a representative of Loja Alaya in this group, I try before the ritual, to introduce the information that follows, so that people gain awareness of our background and purpose.

Reading for the "Healing Session" Group "Healing for Meditation."

EXPRESSION OF FRATERNITY FOR HARMONY

The healing ritual is the result of in-depth study and many observations. The founder of OTS, Dr Besant, considered it "the best and safest medium known." The weekly practise of this ritual is the main purpose for this group. By this method, members encounter powerfully harmonic internal forces.

The 'healing' department is composed of sincere groups of members, who serve their fellow men, through meditation, prayer, knowledge and a specific 'healing' ritual that uses Angelic cooperation, ordered thoughts, emotions and activities.

The group guide has full responsibility for the group. Each member of the group must be in good health and maintain great cleanliness, both physical and mental.

All 'healing' groups will employ the 'meditation' ritual and will treat no one, other than those who have expressed a desire to be included in the ritual, or whose family or friends have requested it. There is no diagnosis or prescription of drugs of any kind.

Juiz de Fora MG

- Movie Presentation: "Who cares," on July 9, 2017.

Rio de Janeiro

- Since 2016 the OTS-Rio was without coordination, because after the departure of Silvana, it was resolved at a meeting that the group would decide what to do. Despite this, some actions were developed: Letter to President Tim Boyd, requesting greater protection to the animals of Adyar, delivered by Teresa Botarro, national coordinator.
- A Facebook page and a Whatsup group with OTS related subjects, event announcements and campaigns.
- Since January, talks have been held in partnership with the Regional and Local Coordination, with topics related to the OTS as a commemoration of its 110 years:
- January 6 - From the Lung of the World to the Ocean of the Body: "Where the waters meet" - with Dr Lúcia Siqueira Campos, biologist, specialized in deep ocean studies and a polar scientist.
- January 31 - Self-healing, the Medicine of the Future - Dr Suellen Vieira Araújo, a physician specializing in research and therapeutic sustainable tools and in the maintenance and recovery of optimal health.
- March 5 - Homage to Annie Besant, founder of OTS, 110 years ago, by Regina Medina, president of the Count of Saint Germain store.
- March 12 - Regenerative Culture: Nature as an Instructor - with Eduardo Weaver, Electronic Engineer, Master of Science, President of EcoSintonia, lecturer, interviewer and presenter.
- May 19, 2018 - Tour in partnership with the Interreligious Movement. We visited the region of the port of Rio called Little Africa, in honour of the slaves, who gave their lives to the construction of this country, almost always landing in this port. There, we

also visited the Cemetery of the New Blacks, where many who died upon arrival were buried. We each paid 30.00 per guide and lunch at a restaurant in the museum; and the MIR bankrolled part of this lunch. His coordinator is a member of the Count of Saint Germain store and always actively participates in OTS campaigns.

- As there was a stored amount, from a grant obtained through a bazaar at the end of 2016, it was resolved, at a coordination meeting, that we should use it.
- 70 blankets were purchased for street dwellers, in preparation for the beginning of winter and cold nights in Rio de Janeiro. At the suggestion of Roberto Carlos, coordinator at the time, they were delivered to the Seva Group, which distributes food to people once a month. The value was R\$910,00.
- Another part of the money saved was used to buy construction material for Suipa, an animal protection company. The heavy rain had destroyed their kennels and they asked for help. R\$1,000.00 was donated on July 5th.

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- Ritual of Healing weekly.

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