

Hello, we are Roger and Denise, Brazilians who serve God in Brazil, Latin America, and other countries through informal education.

We are part of TeachBeyond, a Christian mission dedicated to serving our Father's world, loving Jesus Christ, and seeing individuals and communities transformed by His Spirit through education, all grounded in the Word of God.



TeachBeyond is committed to holistic education, which goes beyond the basics, addressing personal growth and lasting social impact. We serve elementary and high schools, language centers, seminaries, vocational training, leadership development, Bible camps, and various other spaces where teaching and learning take place.

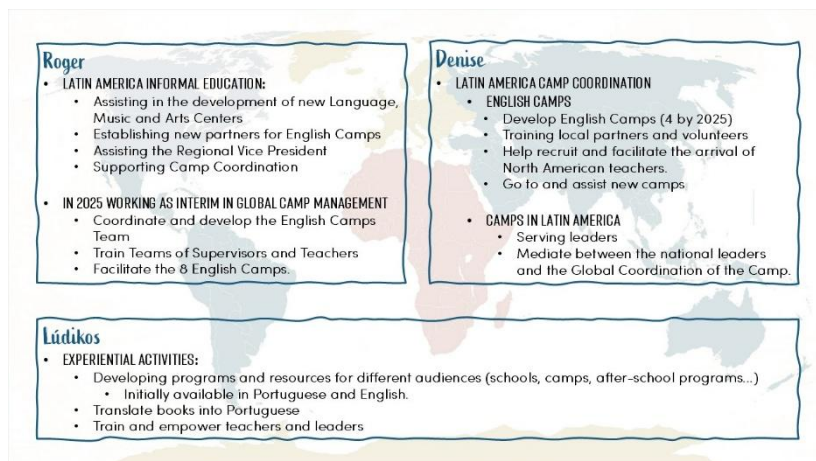
Denise and I have been serving with TeachBeyond for over 25 years through informal education, much of it through camp ministry.

- We understand our role in promoting the holistic growth of each individual, and to that end, we seek to establish genuine relationships—with people and with the Creator—while equipping them to take on roles of responsibility in their communities.
- We aim to achieve this by providing a healthy environment and always striving to meet the needs of our participants and volunteers. We believe that in sharing life together, we can see living examples of how to live a true and real faith. Through cooperation, we learn to live out the body of Christ in practice, and everyone can develop their spiritual life fully.



For 18 years, we worked with the Acamp-Serra Ministry in Gramado. Since 2016, we have been part of the English Camps team, developing camps in different parts of Brazil and Latin America. In 2020, Roger took on the role of Informal Education Services Coordinator for Latin America and currently serves as the Interim Global Camp Manager for TeachBeyond. Denise leads the coordination of camps in Latin America. Currently, we support and serve the camp ministry in Brazil, Uruguay, the Dominican Republic, and doors are opening in other countries.

We are launching a project focused on experiential learning development, which will offer support tools, training, and consulting. This will include activities for teachers, students, staff, after-school programs, camps, day trips, and more, to be used in TeachBeyond's projects and programs.



The project will begin in the fourth quarter of this year, but some consulting is already being provided for the English Camps, for the TeachBeyond Brazil orientation happening in October, and for Creative Access countries (see the countries on the map).

In 2016, we created [Lúdikos](#) (Lüdcke + “lúdico,”

which means playful in Portuguese—yes, our last name and the word playful), and over the years we’ve had the opportunity to lead various seminars and courses in areas such as youth leadership, camp ministry, experiential learning, school ministry, and more. Now, this ministry is also a partner of TeachBeyond.

To continue this mission, we need individuals and churches like you to be our “partners in the Gospel” (Philippians 1:5). We invite you to join us on this journey and be part of the ministry God has entrusted to us—by praying for us and, if you feel led, supporting us financially.

We trust that God will supply all our needs and believe that He often does so through the generosity of His people. Please, prayerfully consider being part of what God is doing through us and TeachBeyond with a monthly or annual donation. Donations can be made online.

If you would like more information, don't hesitate to contact us. We would love to talk to you!

Blessings in Christ,



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A Bit of Our Story

Roger's journey of faith began in his teenage years when his mother encouraged him to participate in Confirmation Classes. After that, he started attending youth group activities. In February 1992, he was introduced to the Good News of the Gospel and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at the Janz Team Gramado base (TeachBeyond Brazil). In 1996, he began his theological studies with the same organization. In 1998, he was invited to take over the leadership of Acamp-Serra, also within this organization. Roger's journey of faith began, grew, and strengthened while remaining closely connected to TeachBeyond. God, in His infinite goodness and mercy, has kept him in the mission.

Denise has been involved in church since childhood, encouraged by her parents. Throughout her life, she heard about the love of Jesus. Her personal decision to recognize Jesus as Lord and Savior happened during a church retreat in her teenage years, in 1994. She began her ministry work as a volunteer during the 1998 camp season. In 2003, she started serving full-time at Acamp-Serra and has been involved in camps and TeachBeyond ever since.

We got married in 2000, and on February 27, 2009, God gave us the opportunity to become parents of three children: today, Jéssica is 22, Emanuel is 18, and Tainá is 21 and lives in São José dos Campos, in the state of São Paulo, Brazil. We are members of the Evangelical Church of Três Coroas, in Rio Grande do Sul, a neighboring city to Gramado, where we currently live.

Roger is a school chaplain with a degree in Theology from STG (Gramado Theological Seminary), with his course validated by FTSA (South American Theological College, in Londrina/PR). He also holds a postgraduate degree in Corporate Pedagogy and Corporate Education.

Denise has a technical degree in Teaching, worked for several years in classrooms, and holds a degree in Human Resources Management and a postgraduate degree in English Language Teaching Methodology.

Both have training in Team Management from the University of Caxias do Sul and specialization in group dynamics, cooperative, recreational, and playful activities, as well as leadership development from Grace Adventures, Michigan/USA. In addition, they have completed numerous courses and lectures in the field of education.

Since 2008, we have been professors at the Lutheran Faculty of Theology in São Bento do Sul. We have taught the course "Retreat and Camp Ministry for Churches", and we currently teach two modules: "Youth Ministry — Responsible Leadership" and "Ministry in Schools."

In 2020, Denise also contributed to the development of *Caneta* Coração (Open School), a literacy and numeracy ministry that is part of TeachBeyond and originated in South Africa. Denise helped adapt the material into Portuguese, and in 2023, we implemented the pilot project of this initiative in our church.