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HONEYCUTT WILL TEACH IN BRAZIL

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Though she's on summer break, Klondike Elementary School's Lisa Honeycutt can't get enough of teaching. So she's heading to Brazil on Friday to instruct orphans in English and music. Honeycutt, Klondike's Orff music teacher, is joining nine others from First Evangelical Church in a trip to Lar Batista Biblico (The Baptist Bible Home) in Assis Chateaubriand, Southwest Brazil, in the state of Parana.

"I just love going down there. I want to record and notate the children's play music and start a pen pal opportunity between Memphis and Brazil. We may do some E-mail (correspondence), but mostly we'll send a bulk of letters to them," said Honeycutt, who first traveled to Brazil last summer.

"Lar Batista Biblico is an orphanage that houses 35 to 50 children, and they are never adopted out. The children are all ages, all colors and grow up as brothers and sisters."

The trip is being organized by the Orphanos Foundation, a Memphis-based public charity that provides grants to orphanages worldwide. "We also send teams to the orphanages where they do small construction projects, conduct vacation Bible school and other activities. We have trips year-round. We've been to the African continent, Romania, Albania and Guatemala," said Wayne Sneed, president of the foundation.

Honeycutt has been making a craft for each child, preparing the curriculum and raising \$2,100 to cover trip expenses. She's also learning Portuguese.

"Last year many of the children felt isolated, and we told them about Memphis. Maybe they'll be able to come here one day. I want to deepen my relationship with them," she said. She's due to return home July 15.