



This year is zooming right by and soon we will be celebrating our nation's independence. I thought I would take this time to give an update on things in Brazil.

One thing that is happening is hyperinflation in the country, at the tune of 40%. This has been brought on by just plain corruption and greediness of the government. While the politicians and their friends live crazy lavish life styles; the rest of the country battles with the ability to feed their families rice and beans. This was not a gradual thing, just a declaration from the government that this is the way it was going to be. How do you budget or plan for this type of change in your life; you don't. Most just have to adjust and most just have to go without. This event has made the need even greater and our mission even more important. We are small but mighty in our efforts and even more important an advocate for those who have no voice.

One of the most exciting things is our new church partner, Palavra de Amor, Word of Love. In the short 6 months of existence it has grown from 0 to 100 members, recently started a youth group,

**(Youth)**

with 20 to 30 kids every Saturday and our 1st baptism with 8 souls taking the plunge.

**(Baptism & Gang of 8)**

Their children's ministry is strong and growing and their parents are being faithful and participating.

**(Kid's Club)**

Sandra is the one who heads the children's group and she has been fighting multiple attacks on her health. First a deadly blood infection that almost took her life, but God turned that situation around and she was getting back to normal. **(Sandra teaching kids)**



Then she was hit with Dengue, a mosquito borne infection, also can be fatal. Again, God is obviously not done with her and she is recuperating from that and getting stronger every day.

Our partners Novidade de Vida never cease to amaze me with all they do. In the neighborhoods, always starting new evangelization and family support groups. Our wonderful worker, Edna, is a warrior and goes where no one should or dare go.



She is currently establishing a work in a neighborhood where she will be the 1st to ever establish any work of this kind. She cannot go into the area alone; someone comes out and escorts her in, the drug Lord, who is the boss of the area, comes out and then approves her being in the area. So far she has started a Bible study in one of the homes and it is going well and

the neighborhood is accepting what she is offering. She is so excited that God had given her this opportunity to reach more lives. Keep her in your prayers, she is someone who would be irreplaceable and a blessing to everyone she touches. **(Edna)**



With Novidade we sponsor the Arca school. Every day they serve 200 children in Jardim Noronha. One of the things that was lacking was the ability to feed the kids every day. Recently the director of the local school district said they have extra non-perishable food and he would like to donate it to us. It turns out he has extra food every month and every month he is giving it to us. With his donation and donations from churches we are able to feed these kids every day.



For some of these kids it is their only meal; what a blessing. Last letter I told you about Claudia, her mother and their living situation. She did have the meeting with the Elder abuse group and they made their determination. The mother does have to leave if the house is not fixed, but they no longer are going to prosecute Claudia. She told them about how we were going to help her and her mother and they realized that she is trying and has a plan to make things better. Unfortunately, we have determined that the house's integrity is too fragile to do construction and the plan is for Claudia to move. She is currently looking for an affordable house and thinks she should be able to move within the next month. We will help her with this cost, buy them new beds and make sure that there is no mold anywhere to see or smell. She says that this is her new beginning and a blessing from God.

