

I am so proud of our partners in Brazil. They are God's and our worker bees; they labor for us in less than desirable conditions and locations. They don't complain, but consider it a privilege to do they work.

One person who has been in the fire and proving she can and is willing to do the work is Ana Paula. At the end of the year she had to close her church and she has been seeking what direction God wanted her to take in her ministry. She and her trusty side kick, Sandra, have prayed and new avenues of ministry have opened for them.



(Ana, Sandra & Fabianna ministering)

Their emphasis of ministry has always been with children and they started making themselves available to other ministries and churches to see if anyone would be interested. They now have more invitations and opportunities than they have hours; even after one of their programs the children ask them to come to their churches.

Every weekend they are going into new neighborhoods and ministries and blessing people. Some of the churches do not have any children's ministry and with her teaching she is showing them how important children are to the Kingdom.



(Never too young)

One place they went, Emel, they had been invited by the school's director and they had service in the school. This is a blessing because the mayor of this area does not let people openly evangelize; so they had to be careful of how they made the presentation.



(Emel)



(Kids of Emel)

Using the school they were able to freely sing, teach, pray and when they gave the invitation many of the children came forward to accept Jesus in their hearts.



(Fun times)

If we don't teach them now that they are just as important as any other person in the church, they will grow up to seek acceptance in other places.



(Singing Praise)

Jer. 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans that I have for you," Declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

The children need to know that God considers them beautiful and amazing and only wants the best for their lives. As the Bible says in Psalms 139: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.



(Truly wonderful)

This was our goal when we took Carla Ives in September, to show this important principle to the churches and workers. Through her ministry, Heart Cry, she has trained thousands of people in some 20 countries, the principles of children's ministry.



(Carla teaching)

Her emphasis is to train the workers, not to do children ministry, but train the ones who will impact the child's life now and in the future. We also ministered to children, but the emphasis was to leave an enduring and

powerful teaching and path for the workers to use to reach the children. **(They want to hear the word)**



Her teaching was a big hit and we are already scheduled to take a group next year.



(View from their doorway)

The children where we minister in Brazil live a life surrounded by violence, drugs and abuse; they rarely see anything of beauty and love.

Now when we go into the neighborhoods the pastor provides an armed guard to accompany us. He is an off duty police officer, he does not wear his uniform and his gun in hidden, but he is there to make us feel safe.



(our protector's softer side)

But these families do not have someone to watch over them when they walk the streets. When they play outside, who watches over them? Only God can protect them in the times when no one else is there for them.

This is what we are teaching, not only the child, but the families, that God is their answer and he changes things. The pastors have asked us to help fund playground equipment for their work in Fortaleza. They have the area where to put it and now they want to provide somewhere for the



(their neighborhood)

children to play in a safe environment. They have to consider that how they will build it and how to make it theft proof; so the others in the neighborhood will not come and steal it. This has been the pattern in this neighborhood, to break in



(love to be together)

and steal whatever they want. So we have to use equipment that is substantial, that will not be easily carted off and will not break down in the elements. The average temperature in Fortaleza is the high 80's and 90% humidity. The cost is approximately \$2,500 for a complete set. Will you consider giving a little extra, praying a little harder; so we can provide this small luxury for these children?



(we want to play)

