

Back from Brazil and eager to tell of the great things God is doing through His people.

A major thing is the completion of one of our projects, Adrianna's house. What was once a shack, with no floor, no bathroom and no windows; is now a complete house.



(Old House)

This is not a mansion; just a sturdy and safe shelter for this family. It now has actual windows; this is something very important because of the extreme high humidity.



(Kitchen wall going up)



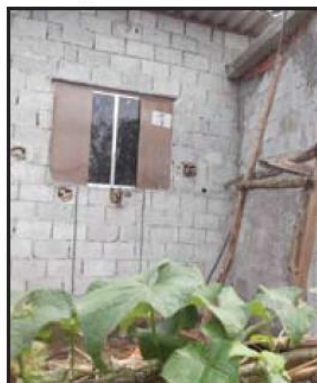
(Bathroom wall with outside drainage)

With no ventilation the mold just takes over and creates a breeding ground for all sorts of health issues.

Now her house has doors and windows that create cross ventilation and light to enter the house and a new roof that keeps the rain outside where it belongs.



(Old Kitchen)



(New Windows)



(Old Door)

Adrianna says that everything that she has received is a gift from God and she will cherish it and praise Him for all His goodness.



(Adrianna)

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."

Beyond getting a new house; she has found full time work and is starting to be able to provide for her family. This house is not just a new house for her, but a new beginning for her and her family.

With our local project manager, Cristiano Nunes, we are starting a new building project.



(Cristiano and Adrianna's father)

It had started as a bathroom install in Gilberto's house and the project was moving along.



(Gilberto & Daughter)

Then the house that was attached to the new construction simply collapsed.



(Living Room)

It was as if it imploded and the walls just gave way and everything came down. Fortunately, Gilberto and his family were not hurt in the tragedy. This has been a very hard year for this family. Through Cristiano's mentoring he had turned his life over to Christ and wanted his family to share in his experience. His wife did not want to change and left him and took their children with her. This caused so much anguish that he became so ill that he did not have the strength to get out of bed.

Cristiano prayed and counseled with him and his health was miraculously restored. His wife returned and they both are in church and doing so much better. We picked this family to bless based on their desire to change and build a better life for their family; also Gilberto is doing all the construction himself. Then we started the bathroom and the house collapses. Gilberto did not get angry and pity himself; he knew God would provide in some way. He was trying to see what was the best way to make a bad situation livable. I have no doubts that he would have made something of his rubble and fixed it so they could live in it in some fashion, but God did provide. Cristiano took us check on his situation and he had understated it; so I was surprised and how bad it really was.



(Bedroom)

This man works hard and only makes maybe \$400US a month; how could he ever rebuild and make this mess livable.

We were more than willing to help restore this family; they are making the effort to restore their home life and we will make the effort to restore the building.



(What's left of a house)

We have other projects happening in other parts of the city, but the building project is close to my heart for many reasons, and one is that my parents were builders. The part of the city where they served so many years is called Paraleiros and that is where these home projects are happening.

The continuity is something that is not lost on the people of this community. I am constantly meeting and encountering people who have been touched and blessed by what my parents founded. I consider it an honor to be able to continue what God started through their lives.

