

We have been planning and working to get new projects started in Brazil. We are still working with our partners on the feeding programs and evangelizing in the neighborhoods. **(taking food to aladim)**



We recently participated with a local church, Jardim Aladim, to evangelize and take food to the children of the neighborhood. **(beautiful children of aladim)**



The event was a great success with around 500 children in attendance.

(happy)



We have 2 new construction projects. One is for a single mother, Camila, and her son, Kaue, whose husband refuses to work and does drugs and drinks all day long. Since this is the life he wants to lead she has demanded he leave the house. Her family had a small piece of property and gave it to her. Her father has offered to do the construction if we would provide the materials.

(Camila's house)



It is well on the way and we hope to see the finished product when we visit in September.

Then we have the house of Terezinha, her husband Donizete and their 3 children. Donizete is on medical disability and cannot work a proper job; Terezinha works cleaning houses. They do have a house but do not have a shower. They cannot afford to pay for the electrical to be brought into the house; so there is no

heat for a shower. If they have any urgent need for anything that requires electricity, they run a long line into their neighbor's house and use their electric. In Brazil the showers are heated by an electrical box attached to the shower head. So, we will pay for the poll, the wiring and plumbing that will make it possible for this family to have a proper shower. It is winter now in Brazil; so we had some of our people take blankets over to their house. This way at least they can warm up after they use the cold water. Actually this will provide electrical to the whole house. Not only heat for the shower, but light to the entire house.

Both these families and their children are faithful and firm in church. They see this help as a miracle and an answer to prayer. We are blessed to be able to help them have a better life and have them experience the faithfulness of God.

We had a one day Vacation Bible School, put on by Ana Paula, Sandra and their crew. They were actually able to have it on the grounds of our old school Maanaim. They had about 80 kids and everyone had a great time. Ana Paula and crew sang, danced and entertained with a play, about Grandma's love, that they wrote for this event.

(grandma's prayer)



The children were asking for them to have another event even before this one was over. The next event is scheduled for September 13th while we are in Brazil. We are so happy to be able to participate and see the children who we have not seen in for some time.

For quite some time we have worried about the older boys for whom we do not have a formal program.



(soccer)

We see them just aimlessly hanging around and know that this only breeds problems. We knew that sport programs are always a good plan, but what to do and soccer was the most logical plan. So, we will soon have our own team, for boys 12-18. We have a donated space that will be used for practice, games and a coach who is just itching to start and has a heart for service, children and God. This will be an avenue that will open the door for us to reach these young men and have a real affect in their lives. Ministry takes many routes and we know that sometimes that road is paved with things that are not always a church pew. We go where the people are and take the tools that will work to change their lives and in this case it will be a soccer ball.

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."

