

**T**he Lord is moving in Brazil! That is our declaration and fact that the Lord is over all things we do, say and preach in this ministry. I am seeing old things come back alive and new things being birthed and I am excited for what is happening and what is going to happen.

Our people in Brazil always give us praise reports and we are always thankful for these blessings. We received a report of a different kind; one of extreme sadness. A family, the Bastos family, who we have known for 15 years, had suffered a tremendous tragedy. A car crash had taken a son, a father and critically injured the mother and another son. The little boy, Vitor is in a body cast and his mother has extensive damage to her arm and will never be able to work again. **(Vitor and Mom)**



They were already dealing with the rape of their 18 year old daughter, Carla; this happened just 2 weeks prior.

In Brazil they have to bury the person within 24 hours. They had to find a cemetery and make all the arrangements in the midst of their grief. Sometimes God has us minister in different ways. We knew that they had no money to bury their 2 loved ones; so we were able to bless them and help pay for the burials. This was one way we could lessen their burden. We promised them we would visit when we were in Brazil.

The young woman who went with me, Nikki Robinson, is a youth pastor. I knew when I heard about the young woman who had been raped, that Nikki was to minister to her. We went to visit the Bastos family and felt the weight of their sorrow and we all cried together. Nikki was able to minister healing and love to Carla. She had not left her house since her attack and this was something Nikki and Carla prayed for and felt the deliverance.

**(Nikki and family)**



We prayed with the whole family, ministered to their hearts by just loving on them and showing God's love by Him sending us to them.

**(Bastos Family)**



We scheduled another visit and told them we would bring pizza. When we went back, I spoke to Carla and she said she had gone out twice, once to church and visited a friend. She is on her way to healing. Kesia, our local worker, is working with Vitor's mom, to get her disability. We also feed about 25 family members. It was like a family reunion of people who had been with us when we had the school. It sparked a renewed fellowship with this family and we will be together for another 15 years.

I have an update on one of our projects. Claudia, the lady who was facing jail time if she did not improve their living situation, her situation has completely changed. I told you how her house was beyond repair and we were stuck on how to help her. Well, once we started talking and ministering to her, she gained confidence to make a change. With the money we had allocated to repair her house, she found a clean and mold free apartment.

**(Claudia's New Bathroom)**



Once she took this step of faith, people offered her a refrigerator, a stove and a washing machine. The

money we allocated went to buy a bed, a sofa bed for her daughter and kitchen counter, in Brazil you have to install your own, table, dishes and other kitchen items. Her mother is going to move into her sister's home. Claudia says that without our support and prayers she would still be in the same terrible situation with no idea of how to change. What a pleasure to experience this new beginning with her.

As I was writing this letter I received a message from the church in Brazil. Through our feeding program we feed 100 families a month. The company from whom we buy the food delivers the containers to the neighborhoods and then volunteers distribute to the families. The truck was attack by 2 robbers and they stole 20 containers. Fortunately the driver was unharmed, but 20 families are going without food this month.

Please keep everyone who is involved in any way in prayer for their safety. We know that things are dangerous, but we cannot let that stop the work. We keep our eyes on what God tells us and go forth in His boldness.

**(Claudia and Her Daughter Kaitlyn)**

