



# BRAZILIAN CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

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With Spring and Easter, we expect new beginnings. And our year has already brought change and challenges. We decided to restart our special programs for the children of Vera Cruz and then our worker and leader of the ministry, Marcia decided to leave. Her family had moved to another state, and she felt she should move with them. She started our Vinde a Mim program and she was the heart of the leadership of Vera Cruz. We have several volunteers and our faithful Edna, but the children need their own dedicated leader. We prayed and God said move ahead and we asked one of our new partners, Ana, and her husband, Marcelo, who are pastors of Igreja Rendencao. Ana is a great musician, full of life and loves God and children. They are not able to have children of their own; so they consider these kids theirs and treat each with great care and love. Thankfully she accepted and will be dedicating special programs for the children and helping Edna with evangelizing in the neighborhood.

A sign that the program is growing; in 3 years we never have had men attend and now we have 3 who come every week. Our borders are expanding!



Marcelo, Selma, & Ana

We have a monthly scheduled evangelization so everyone can plan ahead. On our 1<sup>st</sup> we had 35 kids attend. Of course, we would have liked a full house, but it was a blessing. The kids sang, danced, learned about Jesus and everyone was happy. On April 9<sup>th</sup> we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> event and 78 kids showed up; we more than doubled. One of volunteers, Selma made and individually wrapped 100 chocolate eggs; what a great surprise and treat. Ana spoke of Easter and how Jesus died for them and wants to change and make their lives better. Many of the kids came up front to be prayed for and accept the Good News. A good start for now, but we know that it will grow, and our kids will be a testimony for the region.



Having fun



Full house



Egg please

We do have a victory and testimony from one of volunteers. For 7 years Cida had been trying to adopt Vitor. He does have a mother, Cida's daughter, but she is an addict and would abandon him on the street when she was on a binge. Cida would find him and take him home for months. Then she would appear; take him to her house so she could collect some government money designated for Vitor. Then the cycle would repeat, and Vitor would be abandoned and Cida would rescue him. The daughter would not sign the documents to release custody; Vitor could not even get into school, because he had no documents or birth certificate.



Cida and Vitor



Edna and Vitor

Edna has a degree in Social Service and I told her this is what God prepared her to do; so let's go rescue Vitor. With Edna's help, knowledge and prayers, Cida was able to get custody, the daughter has no parental rights and Vitor is in school and will soon be Cida's son.

While I was there this month we visited and went to the service at Vera Cruz. It was good to personally see what God is doing, being able to meet new people and see old friends. During the service I sat next to a young mom and her son, Levi. He could not stop coughing and would not drink any water or take any medicine. His fever was spiking, and he needed medical care. We prayed and he immediately stopped coughing and took a candy from me. That was the first time his mom, Maria, had been at the service and she and her father came down to accept Jesus. Amen and Amen!! God is good!



Levi and mom

