



# BRAZILIAN CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

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I hope your new year has started off well. We had a very busy end of year with a huge Christmas party with the kids from Sorriso School. In fact, because there were so many kids, it had to be 2 parties. A lady named Larissa sponsored the whole thing and cooked a barbeque for everyone. Each child received an individually wrapped present, handed to them by a skinny but very happy Santa.

They had a bouncy house, candy table and a lot of food. The kids were ecstatic...who wouldn't be! Dona Nete, the director of the school was weepy the whole day, but happy weepy.



Larissa



Skinny Santa



Candy!



McDonald's

Through our partnership with Sorriso and a generous partner, the building was bought and they no longer have rent to pay. Now they have a chance to increase their kids and make repairs to the building.

These kids live in very dire conditions and Sorriso offers a refuge. They get fed, learn about Jesus, learn new skills and have fun. Their world is very small and they rarely see or experience life a mile from their neighborhoods. So when they planned an outing - getting in a bus and traveling into another neighborhood - it was magical for them. What was this magical place: MC DONALD'S. They ate magical hamburgers, ice cream and drank soda. What a day for them, but truth be told I'm sure the ride home was pretty sugar and adrenaline loud.

I am so anxious to see what God has for these kids and our school. It is and will be a greater testimony for this neighborhood and God.

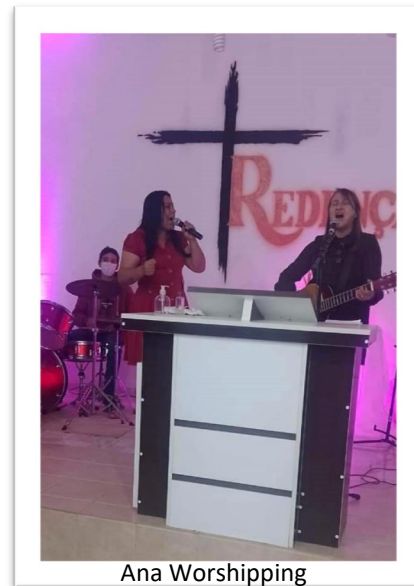


We have a new church partnership, with Rendencao Church, Pastor Marcelo & Ana Borgno. They have a small congregation in Embu Guacu neighborhood and have been pastors for about 8 years. Before Covid they ran 7 cellular stores and were blessing the church with some of the profits. Covid brought a new reality and one by one he closed 5 stores. He did not just walk away, he paid all the rent and bills of the stores. He knew he had to honor God and not leave debts. He lost his house and they had to move in with Ana's mother. In all this he knew God would take care of them. They now have just one store and are out of debt. The church needs major repairs and that will be one of our first projects for 2023. We also will be building a small one-bedroom apartment above the church for the pastors. Soon they can move out of her parents' home. God is good!

Ana told me that for 5 years they have asked their people to bring in food to make the food packages. She said every month they asked and every month the most they received was enough to make 5 packages. Their people just do not have the means to have enough to give food away. So now they are in our feeding program and receive 35 packages a month. Marcelo and Ana just want to thank God and you for all these blessings.



Marcelo & Ana



Ana Worshipping

