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With all that is happening in the world and our own country, our natural instinct would be to hunker down and protect ourselves from the chaos. I know that missionaries all over the world are praying harder and more earnestly than ever to know which direction God wants for their ministries in these times. We must fight against the natural and seek God's supernatural wisdom and guidance. As we seek what God wants for Brazilian Children's Outreach and it's future, we believe God is saying to press forward, so forward we will go. Our people agree and despite natural and supernatural attacks they are ready for the battle!

## **New Connections in Vera Cruz**

We have worked in the Vera Cruz neighborhood for 5 years. During these 5 years we have been in 3 different small storefront locations and have tried to establish a relationship with a local church, a place where the ones we minister to could be rooted in a Christian community. God has supplied us that church with Pastor Edvaldo. He has welcomed us with open arms, accommodating every need and even repurposing an area so we can use it for our children. It is a safe place with a gate, and we are very happy. I think God made us wait so long because Pastor Edvaldo, who physically built this church, had left to establish another church, and only returned this year. God does always know best!





Our kids at church.

They really liked their new toothbrushes!

In the 3 weeks since we have moved, our group has gone from 40 people to 100. Men are participating, and 2 families say they no longer need to be in food program because they have found employment. Every week we have people who answer the call for salvation. We had one young lady come who accepted Christ and asked for a Bible. Marcia gave her own Bible to her because we had none. We have since ordered 100 Bibles; we are seeing that some are completely unexposed to the Gospel. **Amen!** 



## **Expansion in our feeding program**

Since the beginning of the year, we have expanded our feeding program—from 200 to now 400 families that we get to teach and minister to! Please pray that God raises up more workers to participate in this ministry. It is a blessing to double our ministry, but it has also doubled the work. God has provided and sustained, but please pray for growth in this area.



We have also started an outreach to the homeless. We are just doing it once a month for now to see where God leads. I was able to go with Ezequiel and his wife Julianna one night and it was interesting, terrifying, heart breaking, and a blessing. We delivered food to one tent where a family of six lived, and the joy that they showed was amazing. Many people let us pray with them and received the word.



Let me say how blessed Brazilian Children's Outreach is by God. He has given us wonderful partners who pray and financially sustain this work. He has given us wonderful 'boots on the ground' partners who do the work, day in and day out. When I am there, it is just a moment in time to see what God and they are doing through this work. They are our heroes and God's disciples. You may never meet them, but please pray for them. They love and covet your prayers. Thank you, God bless and protect each of you.

