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## CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

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This pandemic has turned the world upside down. Crisis after crisis, and not a lot of positive coming from anywhere. The world is weary of sickness, violence and loss of hope. Knowing that there are people who persevere during these conditions should be inspirational to us all.

I was raised by such people and they instilled in me a purpose to help others; it gives my life direction and meaning. My father Billy Joe Hart was a father, provider, and missionary, but he was also a builder. Growing up we never lived anywhere that was a finished product. He was not an engineer or architect and sometimes the things he built had to be "modified" to make them functional. Even so, he and my mom were always on the front lines, in the battle, ready to build buildings, lives and futures.

I say all that to introduce to you a couple who are new to this ministry. While they have never met my parents, they exhibit the same spirit of service so evident in my parents' lives.

Ezequiel and Julianna Borges are pastors of the Door of Salvation Church in Jardim Sao Nicolau, in the southern part of Sao Paulo. We are excited and honored to welcome them to the BCO family.

## Ministry Spotlight

EZEQUIEL & JULIANNA BORGES





Stephanie & Hadassa



The Door of Salvation Church



Home addition for Patrick & Bruna

## HEARTBREAK AND HOPE

Ezequiel and Julianna are no strangers to pain and loss. Julianna's mother and father abandoned her at age 6, leaving her to live with her grandfather. At age 12, her grandfather committed suicide, and two years later her father also committed suicide. Julianna then went to live with her drug addicted mother who got Julianna involved in using and selling drugs. For 3 years she lived this life, until someone gave her a purpose and introduced her to Jesus. She started going to church and met Ezequiel, who also was a recovering drug addict. Through all this they felt compelled to serve, and five years ago started their church, "the Door of Salvation," which is located in the front part of their home.

Fast forward many years, and tragedy again struck hard when their 22 year old daughter Stephanie contracted tuberculosis, just five months ago. She died only a few days after her diagnosis. Her husband Ellison and baby Hadassa now live with the couple.

Also living with them in their 2-bedroom house is their three children - Patrick and his wife Bruna, Mateus, and Eric, Ezequiel's mother, and an uncle who has special needs. We are helping them build another room and bathroom, where Patrick and his wife, Bruna can live.

The couple owns a dog supply and grooming shop. The business has been hit hard and their income greatly diminished, but they have not slowed down.

They recently started a church in a neighboring community. They also have a work with street people, where they feed, evangelize and help to rebuild lives. We are helping provide some of the food for this project.

Since they started working with Brazilian Children's Outreach earlier this year, we have expanded our feeding project into their neighborhood. Ezequiel & Julianna are always present to help with packing and delivering food. We also had the opportunity to complete five home builds with people of his church. God keeps bringing new and dedicated Godly people to build up and restore families for His kingdom; we are a blessed work.

God bless you; we are praying for you.



Cris and Ezequiel  
packing and delivering food

