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Happy summer and I hope that means spending some quality time together with family and friends. I was able to spend some time with my brother, Jim, and niece, Jemma in Brazil. It was Jemma's 1st time, and I believe it will have long and meaningful impact on her life. She was a trooper and didn't complain, and had a positive attitude the whole time. Probably a better attitude than I have had most times. Mission work can be exhilarating and heart breaking all at the same time when we see the people with whom we minister.

We visited the recently finished house of the Santos family, Raquel and Thiago, who we presented to you in the last newsletter. If you remember they have been virtually homeless due to circumstances with their autistic son. He was too unruly at the elder care home they were hired to manage, so they put them out on the street. Being left with no family or work, they reached out to us for help. Now, this house is theirs and no one can tell them to leave, and they can make as much noise as necessary for Levi. I asked Mateus their son how he liked having a house and he said that he couldn't even think of words to explain his happiness. Thiago is working and learning lots at his new job. They have found a school for their autistic son, Levi, and he has spoken his first words ever. Raquel found out she was pregnant but was not feeling the same as her other pregnancies. Tests showed the pregnancy was fine, but she had positive results for breast cancer. Lesser people would have folded or given up, but God gives us amazing grace to persevere. Raquel went back for more tests, and they were inconclusive this time. She is awaiting the results, but we are believing for a Godly report. When we were leaving the house and were praying, Raquel told us their daughter, Alice, has been having seizures. She'll just pass out for no reason. They are waiting for an appointment with a doctor but that is 3 months out. Urgent care is not so urgent when you have universal care. This is a house of miracles and God has more testimonies that are to be declared, so we are keeping them all in our prayers.



Santos family visit

One thing that Jemma, my niece, does is sports and she was more than happy when we visited our school Sorriso and played volleyball with the kids. The kids were enthralled at meeting someone their age from America. They were asking all kinds of questions about how her life was different, what kind of music she liked and just life in general. Just being able to play with the kids and have a time of normalcy with them is unforgettable. We are blessed to provide these moments for them. Thank God they have a safe Godly place to go every day.



Sorriso kids



Lunch at Sorriso

We are feeding 500 families per month. We were honored to be able to give out the food at the Filedelfia Church with Pastors Alec & Fernando. Flour, beans, rice and spaghetti are just some of the staples we provide. Some of these people walk 2 miles one way to get the food. These packages are heavy, probably 25 – 30 pounds each. It wasn't easy handing out; but some times this is the only food they have, so the burden is light.

They are also obligated to attend at least 2 evangelical services per month to maintain their eligibility. This is not a burden for them; it is a blessing. They are seeing healings, families restored and jobs provided. God is good all the time.



Pastor Hart, me, Jemma, Cris, Alec & Fernando



Food



Handing out food



Service