



The Oliveira family home is completely finished. The bathroom, bedrooms, and kitchen are done and furniture is in place, and what a happy family they are! Everyone has their own bedroom. Keep them in your prayers and that they continue to put God first.



Both can go outside and move around



Parent's room

For many years I have felt the need to go into the local schools. We have had nothing but resistance, no matter how much we promised to behave while we were there. One of our partner pastor's members, Osvaldo, is a teacher and he proposed to his school, Celestina de Oliveira, to let us do a presentation. Their director agreed and of course we said YES. With us was Pastor Carla Ives, who specializes in children's ministry. The kids seemed to be engaged and interested in what was being presented. They asked questions, mostly about what America is like. I gave the basic answers about how America is good, but we have our own set of problems. These kids are all at-risk kids. They live day-to-day with drugs and violence as their normal. So, their view of America is all rainbows and gold lined streets. Meeting Americans and seeing that they are just normal people making it through problems and trials just like them was a treat.





Danny's Story

Pastor Carla told them about a boy named Danny. He was abused and bullied from birth to 9 when he went into foster care. He was violent and lashed out because that was all he knew. Pastor Carla's daughter adopted him, and he began to heal. She began teaching him that he was worthy of love and loving others. The most important thing that he did was to accept Jesus in his heart. Then Pastor Carla showed him at his current age of 17, about to graduate from high school and start college next year. We had to keep the God info light, but we did ask them if they wanted this Jesus and they all raised their hands and said the prayer with us.

They gave us a certificate of appreciation. I think mine was a certificate of participation, just so I didn't feel left out. The kids and teachers said good-bye and we left feeling like God had started a work. The next day the teacher called and told us that the kids were very quiet when they went back to their classrooms. Then when they were asked how they liked the presentation, they all started crying, boys and girls equally. God had started a work indeed.



Our Certificates