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## Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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omeone we are proud of is Jacqueline Leandro. (Jacque & Friend)



She's our children's evangelization leader in the 5 communities we serve in Sao Paulo.



She visits the children's homes, checking their safety and welfare. Prays and counsels them and gets the kids excited about Jesus. (Praying)



She has her weekly children's church, which she started with 5 and we are up to 50 on a consistent basis. (Teaching the Children)



Every time I am with her she wears me out with testimonies and stories of the families and the transformation that is happening in their lives.



She is 24 and the Energizer Bunny has nothing on her. She sent me this testimony and I wanted to share it with you. It is about Greice, she is 25 has 3 kids and was a drug addict when Jacqueline met her.



The kids lived with her grandmother because of her drug use and her husband, Bruno, was not in the picture. Jacqueline started to visit Greice and invited her to come to our ladies meetings. At first she was hesitant and would make excuses not to attend. As Jacqueline continued to show her love to Greice she grew to trust her and started attending. She and her husband have gotten back together; they both have accepted Christ. She has given up all drugs and enrolled in school. She is now enrolled in our feeding program which has helped her financially and she was able to bring 2 of her children back home, Gabriel and Caua. They are working hard to be able to bring their 5 year old daughter Maria home soon. With love, grace, persistence and God this family's life was changed. Yay Jacqueline and a big YAY for GOD!

When is a toilet not just a toilet? (Toilet)



I bet you never thought you'd hear that question in a missions newsletter. The toilet in this case is a symbol of the miraculous. I received this picture from Alex, just the toilet with no explanation, because I knew the significance. We have spoken about Alex before, we met him when he was a crack addict, had been for 10 years and he was 22.



He lived in a small 2 rooms and we accidentally destroyed his roof when we fixed the house attached to his room. We offered to fix his roof, he accepted the help; then we offered to pray with him, he said no one had ever offered him anything and wanted help. We prayed with him and he accepted the Lord and was instantly set free from his addiction. He is now 2 years clean, in church every time the doors are open, working and getting married this month. So we thought we could make another change and help him have a proper place to live.



We are helping him fix his place, with a proper kitchen, bedroom and bathroom with a toilet. He has been using the neighbor's for years. So the picture of a toilet is new life for him. We are very proud of what this young man is doing with his life and what God is doing through his life. Keep him in your prayers as he fights to be the man of God he knows he can be.