

This year Brazilian Children's Outreach completes 50 years of continuous ministry in Brazil. I think that is quite an accomplishment, even if I do say myself. One day our parents, Billy Joe & Josephine Hart, walked in and said that we're going to Brazil. Not a vacation, not a mission's trip, but we're quitting our jobs, selling the house and say good bye to everything you have ever known.



(Josephine, Teena, Jim, Billy Joe & Ron at Airport 1969)



(On plane to Brazil)

In it was the same year man walked on the moon for the 1st time. For us kids, my brothers, Ron & Jim, and me, being in Brazil was like walking on the moon. Nothing in our protected world of Southern California could have prepared us for such a large cultural shock. But my parents had heard from God that this was where they were to be and in spite of 3 spoiled kids, that is where they went. Of course there have been many changes from that very humble beginning. Our lives were changed, and as much as we did not see it at the time, it was a blessing for us. People, places and things have changed throughout the years, but one thing remained constant, the focus on God. Only He could give everyone the strength to go on in the hard times; so we would experience the joy and the harvest of all his blessings. Throughout the

year I will write about more of this 50 year adventure.

Let me update you on our end of year festivities and activities. With our partners we served about 600 kids and their families. Each venue and event was put together by our amazing partners; who are 90% volunteers. God has put amazing partners in our lives. Each one seems to have been put in our lives just at the right time. It's amazing how God works when we just let Him take the reins.

Partner group Corrente do Bem, run by Edivan & Luciene Esteves had a food, clothes and toy give away. **(Luciene, Edivan & Friend)**



They had a school bus donated for the day and used it to deliver all the donated items. They set up near a homeless encampment and opened the doors. **(Corrente do Bem Crew)**



Kids and adults had a great time, volunteers looked liked they enjoyed it as much as anyone else.

(Pannetone Christmas Cake)



(Clothing Give Away)



(Street Ministry)



At the end of the night we ended with ministry and prayer.

(Prayer with the Homeless)



At Noronha and Vera Cruz we gathered the kids for a party and gift give away.

(Noronha Kids)



For some this was the only present they would receive

(Vera Cruz Kids)



We were so blessed to be able to make them feel so happy and loved.

(Welcome to the Party)



One thing we made sure is that everyone who did not have a Bible received that present. So as we enter our 50th year and we start this new decade we are anxious and excited. God has been giving us new words and confirming directions for our plans. We and our partners are always praying for you and please keep us in yours.

