



BRAZILIAN CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

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We have opened up 2 new locations for our Projeto Esperanca, Project Hope, our program for evangelism and feeding families. One in Vila Joaniza, with pastor Thiago, and the other in Embu Guacu with Pastor Marcelo. All are invited to attend our evangelism, but there are rules for receiving the food. They must attend 3 evangelism services to be considered, allow a home visit to verify the need, and attend at least 2 services a month to continue in the food program.



In Vila Joaniza, the church is brand new, but we are full project days and church service. The church is in front of a small park that at night turns into a drug hotspot. Loud music and yelling and people all in the street. Sometimes the church sound is in direct competition, but as I said, we are full and making a joyful noise inside. They prayed, and God has given him wisdom with how to approach the leaders of the neighborhood and make friends. They are learning to respect the work and are realizing that we are there to better the neighborhood. Our strategy has been to try and show who, what and why we are in their neighborhood. It is very hard for someone to accept that we want nothing in return; just offering the best gift—a new life in Christ; they just have to listen and open their hearts.



Our other site is the Redencao church, in Embu Guacu neighborhood. An established church but new to the Projeto Esperanca. The project is an outreach program for the church; not intended to just be another program within the church. They have been going out in surrounding neighborhoods knocking on doors and handing out invitations to our program. We have been having about 50 people attending and they are starting to bring their families.

God is working and people are responding, and we have had people accepting Jesus every week. One of our meetings, at Vera Cruz, we had 13 people accept Christ in a group of about 50 people. We are blessed to be able to serve and be an extension of God's plan for their lives.



This a praise report not from Brazil, but from Louisiana. Recently we were at a missions' conference in Louisiana and while the conference was wonderful, I want to tell you about what God did, and we witnessed. The conference has several speakers to bless us, and the keynote speaker was Brother Leon. He was bringing a great message about Thomas and how even though he walked by Jesus' side, he still doubted His resurrection. He stepped down from the platform and said something was happening to him and dropped dead. There were 2 people in the audience who were emergency medicine professionals. They shocked him several times with the defibrillator and did cardiac massage. They manually kept his heart pumping, but he had flatlined for 9 minutes. The church was praying and interceding the whole time. The paramedics arrived and started working on him.

Then, all of the sudden, he raised his hand and said "I'm alright!" There was no airlift available, so the ambulance drove him an hour away to the nearest cardiac unit. On the trip he did code for 2 minutes but was revived. This would have been miracle enough, but God is too big to just resurrect someone. He had been told he had 4 valves that were damaged and 3 had previously been fixed. The 4th, 3 separate doctors told him it was inoperable, but the Louisiana doctor was able to repair. What a wonderful and miraculous God, His working here, Brazil and everywhere!!

