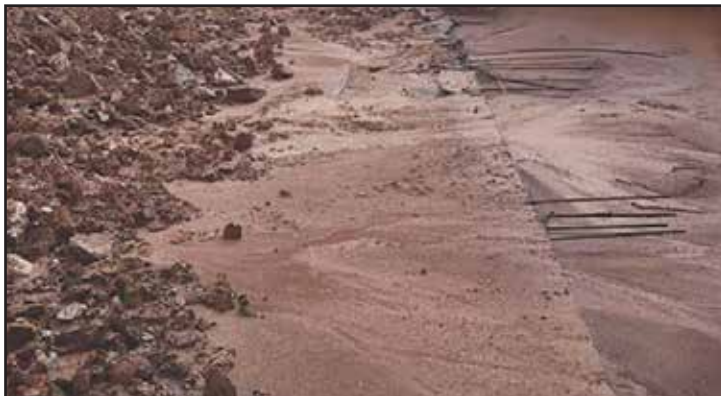


I think that I have a problem with airplanes. The last 2 flights to Brazil have resulted in a trip to the doctor. The previous one my tooth flared up on the plane and turned into an abyss, then a trip to the dentist and having that tooth pulled. This time I fell on the armrest of my seat and cracked a rib. People talk about how dangerous Brazil is, well the flight to Brazil is pretty precarious also. I can hear my mom, Josephine, saying: Renae, (she always called me Renae, not Teena), you are a walking disaster." Maybe not a walking one, but a flying one for sure.

The disasters for Brazil, are just not my arrival, but nature has been quite unkind. It seems to have been raining every day for about 4 months. A major dam broke in Brumadinho, and some 200 people were killed. Nothing dries, mold everywhere, houses falling down and every project planned stalled. The wall we built at one of our partner churches, half of it was destroyed by mud.

(More Mud)



The rebar just snapped and the brick collapsed.



(Snapped rebar and concrete)

They have not been able to do anything but watch as the hillside deteriorates more. (Hillside coming down)



Cleanup is slow and every time we think we're getting ahead more comes down. (Clean Up)



Please pray for God to hold back the water and bring some relief for this country.

One project we were able to finish was Jose & Raquel's house. He was so determined to finish he worked through rain and day and night to get it done.



(Working in the rain)



We went to see the finished house and when we arrived he said: **"Welcome to our mansion!"** They were so thrilled with the miracle God had provided and wanted show it off.

(New Room)



I was impressed that the house did not smell of mold. Raquel said that now the rain stays outside, not running through the house. They have a dedicated room for the kids. All 6 of them shared one room. They now have a place for their newest addition, baby Daniel.



(Proud Parents)

Jose has offered to assist in any upcoming projects we will have. He wants to pay it forward and bless others because he has been so blessed by God. At the end of the year our partner church opened a neighborhood church in the Vera Cruz area. (Vera Cruz)



We had been looking for a space since we lost the previous area due to our landlord losing his house and he is converting that space to a room and kitchen.



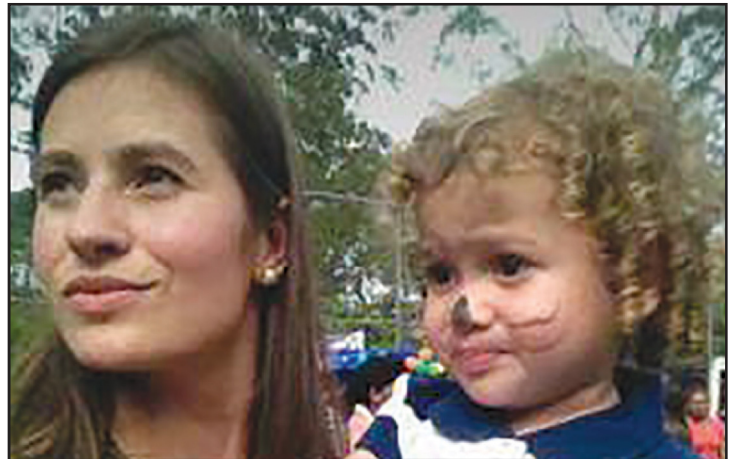
Fortunately, we were able to find an even better space and we are up and running. We have about 30 attendees and it is growing. We even our first baby dedication.

(Baby Dedication)



We also have a praise report. Roberta is one of the young mothers, a daughter Luna, who come to the church and participate in the enrichment and feeding programs.

(Roberta & Baby Luna)



She has been trying to find work and putting her application all over the region. We prayed with her and asked that God would give her the best job. We have received the news that she has gotten a job. A job with the city, full benefits and help with child care. She requested that we take her out of the food program; so some other family can be blessed.

God is good and blessing this work. Thank all of you for the prayers and support.

