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CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

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Things are really moving in Brazil. Souls are being saved and lives are changing. Sometimes when we're in ministry we focus on just the soul of the person and miss that personal connection. In our Vera Cruz ministry, we have 5 wonderful volunteers. They make the food baskets each month - 125 packages with 11-15 items. They keep our space clean and orderly for the ministry. We care and counsel them on their spiritual growth and bettering their lives. Luciana is one of our most loyal and hardest workers and a faithful worker at her church. In the years I have known her, she has never had steady work, just one day here and there. We encouraged her to take a course in security. She got an interview, and she got the job. It's full time, with benefits and a chance for advancement, and her schedule allows her to still volunteer with us. Praise God for blessing and keeping our people.



Luciana and Vera Cruz group

Sometimes God leads us to people and places that become a blessing to us more than we're a blessing to them. That's Dona Norma and her 2 adult children, Karina (41) and Junior (38). Junior and Karina are the worship leaders at their church and Dona Norma does the church's cooking for events and meals. They live in an idyllic spot in the woods surrounded by beautiful nature. Both the kids were born with their hips fused and were unable to walk. Karina has had 13 surgeries and Junior has had 11. There is no road, just a small dirt entry, and when they went to school they had to be carried on their parents' back to the bus stop. This was from 5 to 18 years old, and mostly on mom, because dad was at work. A mother's love is a wonderful thing. Junior can walk, but not without assistance on uneven surfaces, and Karina uses crutches.



Family



Dona Norma's house

The house is in a beautiful place, but the house is in great disrepair. Their father passed away 10 years ago, and they have not been financially able to keep up with repairs. Somehow the ground under the porch has been washed out and the house is falling. The ceiling was separated from the joints and rain was pouring in. That was the first thing we fixed.

We had to take everything off and fix the joints and replace all tiles. We shored up the walls to hold new tiles. The kitchen is very important, as they make bread and sweet treats to make money. (They are delicious) We will be enclosing a portion of her porch so she can have more room to work. Now it is rain free and soon they will have a new floor to make life a little easier.



Kitchen Ceiling



No roof



Working hard



New Roof



Floor Separating

We will have to break out all the existing porch, build up the ground underneath, put in a new drain, pour cement for a new porch, and finish with a polished cement. We had 3 different people to come out to give up an estimate, and no one wants to work in the jungle. Access for construction trucks is too difficult. Pray that God sends the perfect person to do the perfect job for this wonderful family. Their testimony, attitudes and how they live for Christ is such a blessing to my soul. Go God!!