



We had some terrible storms in the area of Parelheiros this year;( washing away entire homes, trees and causing damage to nearly every area of the community.



(Destroyed Home)



(Devastation)

We were looking to help in some way and were introduced to Edgar and his family. His roof had been blown off in this storm.

Edgar and his family, his wife Beatrice, 2 girls, Larissa and Jennifer and a newborn baby son, Guilherme, live in what is literally a mud house.



The mortar that holds the wall together is made of straw and mud. Their electricity, not quite a legal connection, comes from a poll on the street. They have no running water or sewer; they get water from a well on the property. In spite of being a mud house the inside is clean and spotless.



(Edgar's Home)



They are a loving family that work hard to survive and make a life in a hard world.

Edgar is a day laborer who does brick laying to make money. He works very hard for not a lot of money. One morning, he leaves before the sun rises; while walking to work he was hit by a car. The car did not stop and he was forced to crawl until someone helped him, it took about 3 hours. They got him to a hospital, he had a shattered leg, a broken arm and cuts and bruises all over his body



(Edgar's Family)

When he left the hospital he had to go to his mother's house because he had no roof on his house. He was unable to do anything for himself for a couple of weeks; so his mom was his 24 hour caretaker. His anxiety was high; he needed to work because there was no money as long as he was not working. He tried to work, but with his arm and leg in a cast there was no work for him. He was improving but the arm that was not in a cast was really hurting and he had no strength. He went back to the hospital and they discovered that they had put the

cast on the wrong arm. Sounds like a joke and a bad story if you did not know it was true.

During all this they had a wonderful spirit and attitude and never got discouraged or gave up. He was recuperating and although not 100% he forced himself to go back to work; his family needed the money. One day while he was at work and Beatrice was out with the girls someone broke into their house. Their drama just seems to never end. Now remember that this is a mud house with no proper electricity or water and very little to steal; now they really have nothing. Fortunately we were able to stand in the gap and give them food, roofing materials and support where needed during this hard period in their life.



(The Girls and Me)

Beatrice told me that she could not just depend on others and is really looking forward to be able to go back to work herself. She is still recuperating from the difficult birth of her son. Kesia, one of our Brazilian workers is working with her to get her resume together and finding job leads.

Edgar's family is just one of the many that you bless with your financial support and prayers. Beatrice is currently writing a letter detailing how this ministry has changed and blessed their family. I'm looking forward to sharing that with all of you.

**Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. We are very thankful for each of you.**

