

We ended 2016 strong and 2017 looks like we are not going to slow down; nor do we have any intentions of doing anything of the sort. Much to do, people to help, lives to restore and give a fair chance and take God's love to as many as possible. So as we look forward I would like to review what happened in 2016.

One thing that is important is to try and give the ones we help some dignity. One way to do that is to provide them a safe environment. A dwelling that keeps the rain out, walls that keep critters on the outside, windows that can be opened and doors that can be locked.

(A Real Window)



Giving families like Cintia and her 3 girls this dignity. Their home was a moldy mess and needed a lot of work, but they were facing eviction; so we decided not to work on the house. Cinitia said she didn't have anywhere to go, but was believing God for a miracle. We prayed with them and felt God was working in their favor. Within a week, the owner of the house decided to just give them the house, no money and no strings attached.

(Our Home)



We returned to kill the mold and paint. One of the daughters has a lung disease; so were able to get her a nebulizer and meds to abate the symptoms. While we were painting a rain storm came and we realized that the roof had quite a few leaks and water was pouring on us and into the electrical box. We finished painting, but knew that the mold would return; so we had Cris, our project manager, return to fix the roof and electrical box and give them fans to dry out the rooms. Cintia's husband had left the house because he did not approve of Cinitia and the girls going to church. Again we prayed and he returned with a different attitude. He now is going to church and was present when his 3 daughters were baptized.

Another family was Edgar, Beatric and their 3 children. Edgar is a hard working day laborer, but when he doesn't work there is no other money to support his family. So when he was run over and sustained a broken arm and leg; they were put in a very hard situation.

(Edgar's & Family)



A situation made worse while he was in the hospital and a storm tore the roof off his house. We were able to get material and fix his roof and the family was able to return home. We helped with food and supplies till he felt well enough to return to work. He

tried to go to work even with pain, but his arm, not in the cast, was really hurting. He returned to the doctor and discovered they had set the wrong arm. With the correct body part on the mend he returned to work. One day while he was at work and Beatric was picking up the kids from school, someone broke in and stole everything from their house. Their old microwave, the only place she had to cook food, an even older blender and some other household items.

They never asked for anything and just wanted us to pray for them. We did replace the microwave and blender with brand new ones. Beatric and the girls just stared with their mouths open and couldn't believe what was happening. **(The Girls and Me)**



They couldn't believe how God had blessed them and restored them to better than before. She told me that this is the first time that she had received or owned anything new in her life. What a blessing to witness such joy.

We continue the feeding program. Feeding 110 families every month; this is sometimes the only food that these families have for the month **(food)**



The feeding program is a not just food, but also consists of family counseling, life skill education, Bible study and evangelization. This program has

been ongoing for 9 years and has help hundreds of families by assisting them past hard times, bringing them out of misery and giving the praise to God for His miraculous in their lives.

We provided hundreds of pounds of school supplies and clothing for hundreds of kids in 6 of the poorest and most violent neighborhoods in Sao Paulo

(School Supplies)



Children that rarely see anything good or wholesome and are just loved by people that God has sent to make them know how special they truly are to Him. **(Neighborhood)**



These are just some of the highlights of 2016. We are happy to bring the good news and work with wonderful donors and prayer partners here in the States. God has also given us favor to work with wonderful and faithful Brazilians. We can all say how great our God is and His love for us is truly amazing.

