

I hope your Christmas holidays and New Years were blessed events.

Our end of year was pretty hectic with building projects, parties and evangelism. The major building project of Mauro and Nanci's house, our largest undertaking ever, was finished. We even helped with the painting, although we may have gotten more on the ground than the walls. **(cris, teena libby, painting crew)**



2 ladies from the church volunteered to do her hair and nails; she had a day of beauty. **(nanci and beauty buddies)**



They were able to move in and they were "over the moon", happy. Going from a falling down shack, the front portion of their house actually fell down in a rain storm, to a sturdy, fully functioning house. **(real window)**



It has real plumbing, including a bathroom, with toilet, not a bucket, real shower, not a bucket and a sink; also no longer a bucket. A proper kitchen with a table and sink. A bedroom, with a new bed and mattress, new sheets and no smell of mold and decay.

Nanci, uses a walker, she could not move around in her old house because of the uneven dirt floors. Mauro always had to assist her for fear of her falling **(old house)**



She was pretty much a prisoner in her home if no one was around to assist her. Now with her new concrete and even floors, she has become mobile again. She is moving from room to room on her own and we believe will get stronger as she becomes more mobile and able to walk without the walker. Mauro has completely demolished his old house. **(Mauro working)**



He wants nothing of the past and only wants to look to the future. For the last 6 years he has also been a prisoner in his house. Not wanting to leave because he feared his wife would get harmed if he left. He is now looking forward to be able to work again since he can have peace of mind leaving Nanci alone.

One of the sad things decisions that Nanci and Mauro made was to send their son to live with her mother; he has not been to their house in 6 years. They did not want him to live in the deplorable conditions that they found themselves. Recently he was able to visit and spend some time in their new home, what a joyous reunion. Mauro is planning a gratitude service and will invite their whole family and church family to show how great God has been to them.

In December we were able to bring a grand treat to kids who have very little and live a precarious life due to all the violence and extreme poverty.

(their neighborhood)



We were able to offer a party worthy of prince and princesses, due to the generosity of Mattel Toy Company.

(fun)



They put together, at our partner school, ARCA, a day full of games, activities and toys that they only could have dreamed of seeing much less have touched and hold.

(girls just having fun)



15 Mattel volunteers spent 2 days preparing the site and then all day giving the kids an unforgettable day.



(boys just having fun)

They setup a complete room, with thousands of dollars of toys and furniture that any child would dream of owning. These will be a permanent room that the kids can enjoy for years.

(new toy room)



What a blessing these wonderful people were to our children and we are already planning an event for this year.

These events were made possible with our faithful partners and workers in Brazil. But we never would have had the opportunity to be part of these blessings without you as our partners here in the USA. We are expecting great things in 2016 and know God has already provided what we will need.

Blessings to you in 2016

