

When I was younger and thought I was a lot smarter, I would wonder why my parents would choose to always return to Brazil. Why they would leave a much easier and simpler life to serve a country and people that were not their own. With experience, I discovered this happens when you have a calling and not just a desire to do something that others do not understand or feel it is not the sanest thing to do. My grandson, David, asked why I go to Brazil, and it was hard to explain God's plan to a 4 year old, but he just said ok and kept on playing. That to me is how different our lives are than others and I thank God that He has chosen us to do this work.

God sends us to Vera Cruz neighborhood, one of the neediest of all the areas we serve. He led us to the Santos family, whom has 5 children, and 3 have skin cancer. These children cannot stay out in the sunlight, their skin will not tolerate the heat from the sun and their eyes cannot handle the light.



They are crammed in their one room house that is dark and foul smelling. We have been working with them to make a plan to organize and clean up their house.



Glad to say that after 2 years they are beginning to trust and follow our advice. This is only after weekly visits, counseling, crying and praying with them. This is

a tough and untrusting group of people who have never had any reason to believe that someone would just want to help because they're following God's leading.



Now that we have them making their living quarters more manageable, we can help them build another room on their house. Also after much persistence we have been able to contact Doctors Without Borders. They are considering accepting the case and might send people into the area to bring medical attention. Please pray with us for this family and all the others in this area and for God to give us favor with the Doctors. Another project and this one was given to us because of mother nature, in the form of a hail storm. Hail storms are common in Sao Paulo, but not one so extreme that people could make snowmen.



Then follow it with days of torrential rain and things go from bad to worse.



This changes already precarious living situations to impossible. Houses wiped out by mud and rivers running through their homes.



(It was Home)

Our people are actually going into the neighborhoods and seeing if there is any emergency assistance we can give. We were made aware of a family from one of our former gymnastic teachers. The family has 3 beautiful daughters, Amanda 10 years old, Beatriz 9, and Milena 5.



(Beautiful Girls)

They have been going through some really tough times. The one bed that the girls shared fell apart.



(Our Room)

The father had been out of work for some time and has just recently found a job as a cook. The family home,

which is very simple, has been made worse by the storms, with mold taking over the interior. The mold made Beatriz really sick. When she was born her heart stopped twice and damaged her lungs; leaving her with only 20% lung capacity. Her medicine, that she can get free at the clinic, has not been in stock for months and she has never had a nebulizer. The thing for us to do was to buy the bleach to clean the mold and buy the nebulizer and one of Beatriz's teachers was able to find her medicine at another pharmacy.



(Breathing Machine)

The bed is on order and will arrive shortly. These may seem like small things, but to those who could never obtain them they could be life or death. This family has been trying their best, praying and doing what they felt God wanted for their family. God has honored their faithfulness and providing for their needs. God is a wonderful Father.

In July we will be partnering again with Mattel Toy Company, to do an event in the neighborhood of Capao Redondo.



(Breathing Machine)

This will be an open air event in a soccer field. We will be in the middle of Winter; so bad weather is a real possibility. Please pray for a mild, dry day, our safety; we will be outdoors in a rough area and have a wonderful experience for the kids of the area.

