



We're preparing for our first trip in 2017 to Brazil. It is a time of excitement, we see all our partners and workers and that's always good. We know that the personal one on one contact with everyone makes the difference for our ministry and the ones we ministry with and to.

The end of last year we had a wonderful community party sponsored by the Mattel Toy company and it was in a new community, for us, of Embu Guacu.



(Prepping for a Party)

We worked with a local pastor, Pastor Jose and the city to make sure the 150 kids involved in the event had a great time.



(Mattel Heaven)

Mattel furnished all the toys, probably about \$10,000 worth, food and entertainment, including

clowns, games and face painting.



(Toys)

Each child received an individually wrapped toy.



(Look what I got)

For weeks after the event members of the community and church were calling the pastor and thanking him and saying how wonderful and what a blessing it was for them.



(Fun)

Even how one of his volunteers, Dona Julia, who worked in the kitchen, had gone to the hospital the night before, but insisted on working her shift. She did show up and said that when she walked in she felt a complete healing in her body, Amen!!!

One of our focuses of 2017 will be Restoration. Focusing on their spiritual life and making sure we give them all the tools and resources that they need to succeed. Another will be restoring their physical lives, through rebuilding and restoring their physical homes. We already have our first project, Dona Benedita's house.



(Dona benedita's house)

In her 3 room house live her and 4 other family members, her daughter Vilma, granddaughter Luana, her great granddaughter Mariana and son Ary. Her daughter and granddaughter work as day laborers and their income is sporadic. Dona Benedita gets her retirement, but most of it is spent on her medicine since the government cut most of this benefit. She also has to spend her money on her son's diapers and medicine, which the government also cut.



(Ary)

He is bedridden due to meningitis which left him brain damaged and caused him to lose one his legs. He has suffered 2 strokes, causing him to lose any remaining mobility. The family has to count on the kindness of others to take him to his doctor's appointments; the government cut his transportation help. These appointments take 4 months to get an opening; so if he missed anything it could be almost a year to see a doctor.

We will start with her roof through which water just pours in. This causes mold and other health hazards to her and the others. Her granddaughter has gone blind in one eye. They do not know what is the root of her blindness. It could be environmental or physical; she has not been able to get a proper health evaluation



(Marianna)

We are hoping that improving her home will help her condition.

Please pray with us for a safe and productive trip. Keep all our workers and partners in prayer for breakthrough, protection and God's favor in their lives and families.

