

We are very blessed to have great partners here Stateside and God has given us favor with wonderful people in Brazil. They do the day to day labor in the streets, homes and churches. One of the groups that God has given us is Mattel Toy Company. They sponsor and provide a big party for our kids.

(December Event)



Last December was our first party in the neighborhood of Jardim Noronho at our partner school Arca das Crianças; it was a huge success. So successful that we planned another for this year and it was even better.

First we prayed a lot for good weather, it was an outdoor event, winter and rainy at this time. We prayed for the safety of all the children and workers; the neighborhood, Capao Redondo, is a very violent and drug infested part of Sao Paulo. It takes a lot of workers and a lot of prep and sweat to make these events happen and God has put the right people in the right places for all this to come together. God gave us a beautiful day with mild temperatures. A school donated pop up tents to cover all the toys, Novidade church provided lunch and 25 volunteers, Mattel provided about 1000 toys for a day of play.



(We're Having a Party)

We filled 150 bags of candy, gave an individual toys designated by age and gender to every child present. Mattel does these events all throughout the year and in many venues; so you can imagine how many requests they receive.



(Baby's Day Out)

They had a Christian clown group that entertained, played and engaged all the kids. Face painters who stayed till every child that was in line had a custom design on their face, around 100. Most of these volunteers live on the complete opposite side of Sao Paulo and took around 2 hours to get to the site. All I heard from anyone was how wonderful the event was and how glad they were to be a part and could not wait till the next event.

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(Mattel)



(Toys, Toys, Toys)



(Having Fun)

I told you God has given us favor; they asked us if they could do another event with us in December. I had to think for about a millisecond and said yes. It will be in Cipo, a new area of ministry for us and were really excited about this event. So more good news to come from this wonderful partnership. I will make this newsletter one of just praise reports. In a previous letter we told you about a family with 3 daughters and one of the girls had a serious lung disease. We went to visit them to see how the girls are doing. We had bought a breathing machine and medicine for the girl. The mom told me that she is doing much better, is using the machine every day. Before she had to go to the clinic to get treatment. They wanted prayer because the owner of their house, her uncle, wanted to sell and needed them out in the next week. It's just a 3 room house, but it's their home.



(It all Belongs to Them)

We prayed and asked God to either provide a new place or turn around the situation. We went on a Tuesday and on Sunday at church she testified that her uncle had decided to just give them the house free and clear. Praise God!!!

