

Greetings Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for your continued love, support and prayers — your encouragement means a lot to the people here in South America. We are well into our third main time in Brazil and the year is..ying by as we are pouring our lives into marginalised groups, partnering with Missao SAL which in essence means Salvation and Freedom. January: Medical Outreach in Argentina, Encouraging two church plantings of a Baptist Church in the rural area, populated with emigrants mainly from Paraguay. In Argentina we partner with the Buenos Aires Baptist Church called “El Rei Jesus” (Jesus the King). The Church has planted three others in marginalised communities where we do medical outreaches to encourage immigrant families. Our outreach team doubled this year having several church planters, a pastor, doctors (including a Brazilian just finishing school), dentists, and nurses. Dr Jim led us as we visited a home seriously affected with health issues. Inside we found black mold, high humidity, open toilet as well as chicken having free range of the house! Our team brain-stormed how we could help and give practical advice for the family to better improve their living space. This is all part of a holistic approach to Church ministry that “El Rei Jesus” wanted to embrace.

Homeless Men: Our first picture is of Ale out first thing in the morning we offer coffee and bread, and friendly smiles all around. They are ready to share the day’s challenges and stories about happier days. Some cry as they share, thanking us for checking up on them. We usually have an opportunity to pray for things like protection at night and share a verse. Marcello is with us at the farm after being homeless and addicted to drugs and alcohol. He now knows and loves the Lord. He recently walked to Church in the pouring rain and upon arriving, the Pastor asked, “how did you come in such a storm?” Marcello said, “when I was an addict I had an urge and I did not mind to get wet or fall in the mud for something that was destroying my life. Now how can I stop coming to Church because of the rain, I want to get to know more about the one that loves me and saved my life!

Prostitutes: Walking the streets we find some ladies at corners waiting for customers. We visit with them and hear their struggles of supporting their families and raising their children. Many can’t see a way out—there is no other choices. They lock their children in their house to keep them safe while they work in the streets. It was interesting to hear that some of them even go to church! This gives us an openness to pray with them. Some ladies have accepted Jesus in their lives, saying that they couldn’t resist the Love of God for their lives! Some are coming to the mission church for prostitutes and drug addicts called the “Raises Urbanas” or “intercity roots” They bring their children to Sunday School, and some even help in the weekly outreaches to other prostitute women with the mission team members!

Transition house Our days are busy helping people who are living in this transition house. They come from a life of prostitution, or drug and alcohol addiction. We also go to the prostibulos house or apartments, where we find large groups of prostitutes and transvestites who live and work from there. This contact is to build a friendship and care, then to ultimately share with them the message of salvation.

We are also able to refer to the national workers of this mission all the people who are in the missions house in Sao Paulo, and the farm house outside the city where we are. Paul and I hope to

be able to finish this transition house. The building was begun with recycled wood, but not yet finished. Paul is busy doing everything possible to tackle the main issues like a water leaking through walls and ceilings, and window frames needing to be sealed. He is using this as an opportunity to teach the boys some practical skills. They have never done this type of work before, having all lived a life of prostitution, drugs and alcoholism. In our next letter I'm hoping to be able to share some of their testimonies of how the Lord transformed their lives.

Please pray for the marginalised people who are coming to know the Lord for the immigrants who are open to the gospel in this new season of their lives that we can continue to build good relationships with the local churches that we can establish a vegetable garden which will be self-sustaining that we will be able to finish building this house – help is needed! Building work still needing to be done: installation of three toilets, two sinks and two showers some electrical work painting the outside of the house painting all interior walls in the house praise the Lord for local business owners who have been supporting us with donations of food, like sacks of flour.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU for being on missions with us. Your continued love, support and prayers, encouragement and friendship mean so much to the people we work with in South America.

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