

Brazil Newsletter Update



Camp 2010!



Camp 2010 was a big hit. Four days of non-stop games, activities, food, and little sleep. Youth from the favelas and from our Jarinú church participated together in teams, bunked together in rooms, and made some great friendships. And, no one got hurt! Monday evening was a special costume night complete with a homemade pizza dinner, night-time treasure hunt, and bonfire. Many campers opened up around the fire and shared or gave thanks for the special time they were having. Despite the fact that we are towards the end of rainy season it didn't rain even once!

Approximately half of the campers were non-believers. The bible studies and devotions were a blessing and many kids got their hearts right before the Lord. Several accepted the Lord as their savior and now are starting baptism classes.

One boy, William (approx 17 yrs old), really stood out this time. We've known him since he was 8 years old as he lives in one of the favelas where we minister. He has always been a trouble

maker, he disrupts class all the time and he has already been used by the local drug traffickers to be their lookout, among other things. The camp coordinators were debating whether or not to allow him to participate but decided to give him another chance. What a great decision it was!

The first day he was "testing the waters and his limits". As he acclimated to his surroundings and to people who didn't constantly put him down he began to relax and enjoy himself. He participated whole heartedly in all events, listened to the bible messages and devotionals, played jokes on his room buddies at night, and learned what a great time "Christians" can have. On about the third day he went up to Pete and thanked him for allowing him to participate- then he started crying! His eyes welled up with tears and he gave Pete a hug. The rest of that day and then the next he was sad about having to go back home and he even commented that "there I'll wind up with the same old friends, involved in the same old stuff".

William accepted the Lord. Then, a few weeks later, he was baptized. He didn't go back home and start hanging around his old buddies but prefers to spend his time with Cleiton, another camper. The two now have big plans. They have a dream to personally raise money to finance *next year's camp*! Their goal is to evangelize all their friends! How's that for a transformation?



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Youth Mission Team

"...what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deuteronomy 10:12



In March we had a great team of 23 people from the U.S. (mostly youth- junior and senior high) with us helping to minister in areas where others don't want to go. They definitely stepped out of their comfort zones! Right from the airport we whisked them off to the favelas in Sao Paulo where we hold Saturday children's classes in the slums (favelas). Walking through smelly, narrow corridors, over sewage drains and setting up "class" in the open air environment everyone pitched in to make sure the kids had a seat, got to participate in the activities and then showered them with candy bags afterwards. Some of the youth even engaged the locals in "break dancing" which opened the door for

them to be evangelized afterwards! Others made their way to the local basketball court in the favela to shoot some hoops with the locals.....again, opening many doors for the "Americans" to be allowed to enter there. It's all about building relationships.

There's a lot of work, planning, shopping and mental preparation that needs to be done before these groups arrive. They are a lot of work but also tons of fun!



Hayden (right) the youngest member of the U.S. team is a "veteran" visitor.....He's 10 years old and has been here approximately 4 times. He's made some friends along the way.....

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Art/Sewing class & Daniel's Trip



This past month we received five brand-new sewing machines that someone donated to the ministry! What a huge blessing! We used them in the favela already to teach the ladies there how to sew borders on hand painted dishtowels. They were literally drooling when they saw the beautiful machines.

The dishtowel painting program, which we started many years ago, is now being started up again. Now that we have the new sewing machines it will make the finish work on each towel much easier and provide for more projects that we can teach the ladies and teenaged girls.

This program is designed to teach the women a skill that they can use to generate an income at home.

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go : I will guide thee with mine eye" Psalm 32:8

Daniel, one of our full time volunteers and Seminary Students has come a long way in his walk with the Lord. When he started coming to our bible studies approximately eight years ago he was so lost. Piercing, hip hop clothing, and "attitude" was his style and he knew nothing of the Lord or His word. Looking out the window one day, at him and his friends passing by, I thought to myself "Lord, what are we getting into?" Well, it's a good thing that He had more hope than I did! Look at Daniel now! He's leading people to the Lord, baptizing, counseling, and making disciples!

On, April 5th, Daniel embarked on his first plane trip to the U.S. He has been invited to stay and participate in personal and church activities in Tennessee for three weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity to open his eyes, expand his horizons, and allow him to experience incredible cultural diversities.

We are very proud and extremely happy for him as he makes this huge step in his life. He truly loves the Lord and his diligence has been rewarded. Please pray for safety, wisdom and blessings on his trip which ends the 23rd of April.



Daniel, middle, with four teens he baptized in March.

