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BRAZIL UPDATE

MISSION TEAMS.....

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT THEM?

In the past two months we've had groups from University Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Smyrna come to help us in the ministry work. Between the two groups we were able to get a lot done on the renovation of our Ministry Center in favela Gleba B! Our goal is to improve our current working area into a multi-use center to accommodate more programs and periodical medical clinics. Foundations were poured, cement mixed and hauled, doors hung and stained, walls painted, spackling finished, and roof tiles replaced. The fellowship was great not only with the team members but also with the locals. There was a lot of heavy, hard work and everyone participated with such great attitudes! Construction wasn't the only thing they did.....many gave their testimonies, others evangelized, a few performed puppet shows and skits, and all helped in the various children's ministries.



Thank you!

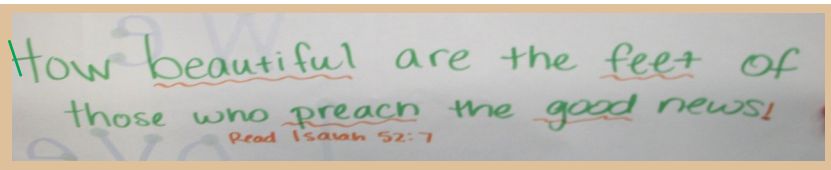
We are so thankful for our partnering churches, University Baptist Church, FBC St Pete, and FBC Smyrna, as they help provide the funding for these projects and the physical labor to help us to do what would take a long time for us to complete by ourselves. Not to mention that we've made many of great friends!

NEW MISSIONARIES ON BOARD!

In our last newsletter we from FCB Smyrna, coming time. Well, they've finally trying to get their Mission-plane as soon as they got rived here the day after team had left. The de- pointed to not have seen did a great job of welcoming them back "home" with a banner, balloons, food, and even a cute little puppy with a ribbon around it's neck (for Susie). It was great. We look forward to many years serving the Lord together with this special couple!



wrote about Bret & Susie, to live and work with us full-made it! After a runaround ary Visas they hopped on a them in their hands and ar- their own church's mission parting team was disap- them but our Brazilian team



BEATRIZ



Beatriz is a four year old little girl that lives in a ramshackle wooden shack in the favela. She's lives with her grandmother, who's a drug addict and prostitute, her cousin, whom she calls her brother, and various men who come and go (one died recently of AIDS). She's always filthy and barefoot and playing in the dirt. She was sexually abused by her own father at the age of two and, until this past year, wouldn't get near men. She has become very dear to us!

Shack where Beatriz lived until it burned down a few months ago.

A few months ago we brought Beatriz and her "brother", Maicon, to the mission property to spend a few days with us. At first, it was....

...interesting! After teaching her not to spit her toothpaste on the floor or to urinate just anywhere when she felt the urge things ran pretty smoothly! Maicon had to be reassured that he **could** use a towel to dry off with after his shower- something he wasn't accustomed to using. But I



Helping Jodi in the kitchen and enjoying some time by the pool with Pete.

think that their favorite thing to do here was- EAT! Before going back home both received a bag full of donated clothes and new flip-flops. Neither of them will ever forget their outing to the mission property nor the love shown to them by our Brazilian team!



[note: less than a week after they left the grandmother had sold everything that we had given the children, even the flip-flops on their feet, to support her drug habit. Please keep them in your prayers]

REACHING OUT TO MORE FAVELAS!

We have begun to make contacts in two very poor favelas in São Paulo. One is known as Agua Branca (White water) which has a river running through it that looks like tar! The other is called Moinho (Windmill). Both of these favelas are made up of wooden huts and the residents are very poor. Please pray for our safety as we enter in these dangerous areas and for wisdom as we start



As we get more known in this favela we'll be able to take better pictures!

to set up areas to work (due to the structure of these favelas a physical location, which can accomodate many children, can be very difficult to find). Pray that doors would be opened to start bible studies in the homes. Pray also that we might encounter men that would be faithful to the Lord's Word!

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AMBER & VIVIAN



Vivian & Amber

We had the great privilege of having two summer students stay with us for two months. One was from FBC Smyrna and the other, though from our home church UBC, came through a college incentive . Before they came here they didn't even know each other but, by the time they left, they were really great friends. From the time they got here they did practically everything together- they painted the inside of the entire multi-purpose building all by themselves,



spackled, sanded, and worked at moving the entire clothing donation room to another location (not an easy job!!). They both helped out tremendously in the children's ministries both at the mission property and in the various favelas- the kids adored them! Vivian even taught English classes. They participated in anything and everything that our team did and they fit in unbelievably well. They even picked up a lot of Portuguese! Everyone here misses them both already!



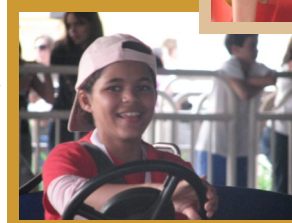
One of their craziest moments!

EMBRACE-A-CHILD FIELD TRIP

As a part of our Embrace-a-Child program we were able to load up our big bus full of young teens and treat them to a day at the theme park, Hopi Hari. Sponsors from FBC, Smyrna provided the funding for these kids to enjoy a full day of tons of rides, shows, and even a large goodie bag for each one filled with lunch material and loads of extra treats. The kids had a great time and made lots of memories! (I'm sure they'll never forget the long lines!) Our two summer students arrived just days before the event so they were able to help chaperone. The kids were amazing and we're thankful that they behaved so well. At the end of the day I don't know who was more exhausted the kids or our team!



Taking pictures of the kids on the rides proved to be more difficult than ever!



With all this action and laughter who wanted to stop and pose for photos?

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Matt 22:8-10

"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

Gislaine, a woman who accepted the Lord with us in favela Aldeina last year called us yesterday. Since the favela where she lived is being torn down she and her family moved to another state. She said that, although things were very difficult there, she was managing but was missing us very, very much. She called using a cell phone and just talked until her credits ran out!

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- ⇒ Please pray for the 34 youth that made decisions for the Lord a few months ago!
- ⇒ Thank you for your prayers for Pete's parents...his father passed away in June and he was, in his own words, "ready to see God's Glory" His mother is now in a nursing home that specializes in Alzheimer's patients.
- ⇒ Pray that we can recover all the information from our computer that was fried by a lightning strike. *(We need this computer up and running urgently!)* Thankfully most important documents and photos had been backed up but photos and docs from the last 3 months were not. The CPU (only a year old) wasn't even plugged in! The surge ran through the telephone cord. In addition we lost a printer, quite a few light bulbs, a security camera and a monitor. Thankfully no one was injured.
- ⇒ Praises for the completion of another order of dishtowels (800 of them) for WorldCrafts, WMU! The women of the favela were able to make some very needed income through this great program.
- ⇒ Praise- Our daughter, Jessica, was able to visit with us for the month of May. It had been two years since she had been in Brazil before that. We **really** enjoyed our time together as a family!
- ⇒ Pray for Indiara, a young favela girl who was badly burned over part of her upper body while igniting a gas stove. She's been admitted to a special Burn Patient Hospital.
- ⇒ Please be with us in prayer for funding for a submersible pump and electrical hookup for an existing artesian well on the mission property.
- ⇒ Please pray for the lost, for doors to be opened for evangelism, and for the Lord to produce men of peace in these troubled areas!



Inspecting dishtowels for shipment- Jodi.

To make a donation to this ministry: ***Please make your check payable to*** Central Missionary Clearinghouse PO Box 219228 Houston, TX 77217-2964. Please indicate on the check that it's for the ministry of Pete Brennan/ AMO and what it's designated for (i.e., Hunger Relief, Embrace-a-Child, Building Fund, general fund, personal support, etc) A tax-deductible receipt will be sent back to you.

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