

# Making a difference.....

Ministering to the kids in poorer neighborhoods always has its difficulties and it's rewards. We have been blessed over the past years to see many kids in the favelas grow up. Many who started coming to our programs years ago are still with us today. Unfortunately, some are not.

Our goal and desire is to make a life impact on the kids that we come in contact with. We celebrate when they are happy, console when times are tough and try to be there when they need encouragement, support and understanding. We've built many strong relationships not just with the kids but with their families as well. Our prayer is that during the time that they are with us that they will see and remember the light of Jesus Christ shining in us.

Our goal at camp this year was to emphasize the "Superheroes" of the Bible and show the kids how they could be Superheroes in their own lives by putting their faith in Christ and following Him.

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"... I'm going to write a summary of the best three days of my life....." !

*Washington (12 years old) favela Gleba B after Camp*

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One great thing about camp is making new friends and having lots of fun. This year we had kids from the favela (slum) Gleba B in Campinas, kids from our church in Jarinú, and several families from the cities of Sorocaba and Piracicaba participating. Many of the kids involved were able to participate thanks to sponsors who "adopted" them in a campaign done by FBC Smyrna, TN.

"...How can I say what it is I'm wanting? .....I want for you to help me understand more about God's word. At times I have difficulties learning. If you can help me I am here waiting with my heart open for what God has to say to me and what He wants to do in my life."

*13 year old Daiane—excerpts from a letter written after camp*



For the kids from the favela Gleba B this was a dream come true. They had never visited our mission property before and were absolutely taken back by the beauty and the spaciousness of it all. When it came to space the outdoors had plenty but in the rooms they were cramped! No one complained though as mattresses were strewn across every available inch of floor space. [A note about the mattresses: a few days before the camp we ordered, by-faith, 21 more new mattresses to use to accommodate all the kids even though we didn't have funds set aside specifically for that. The very next day we received a special offering to use for whatever we needed! The offering more than covered the expense for the mattresses.] Everyone had a place to

sleep even though everyone knows that, at camp, who sleeps?? There was no shortage of nighttime pranks but after a full day of activities sleep eventually won over.

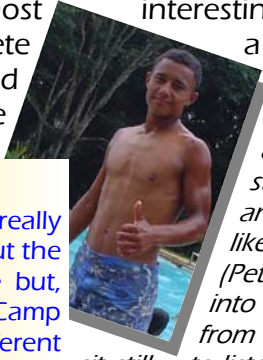
A.M.O.'s seminary students and volunteers worked hard to make Camp special. Field games, sports, pool activities, devotions, bible studies, quiet time, bon fires, meal times, cold showers, cleanup, etc., were all programmed and ran amazingly smooth. We had a theme of Superheroes so costumes were a must. Many of the kids did not have a costume to use so we rummaged through our donation room and



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gathered together an enormous pile of "not-good-to-donate" items and let the kids go through and cut, tie together, rip, paint or whatever to create their own costumes. They were amazingly creative! We had every imaginable type of "super" hero you could think of.

One of the most interesting parts of camp was the bible study times. Pete and Daniel (Seminary student) both led these studies and the feedback that we received after camp was awesome.



"...I liked the bible studies... about the story of Daniel and also about forgiveness..." "I liked the bible studies, Tio Pedro (Pete) has a way of putting you right into the story." Naná (13 year old) from favela Gleba B who could barely sit still to listen in the favela but here she paid close attention and even enjoyed it.

"I never knew, or really wanted to know, about the things of God before but, after participating in Camp and seeing how different things can be my life from here on forward is going to change."

16 year old Nilson- from favela Gleba B

It brought us much pleasure to see these favela kids that we've know for so many years enjoying themselves here at the mission property. Relating with them one-on-one, far from their harsh living environment allowed us to see a whole different side of some of them.

"I've never seen my kids smile so much before! Cris (mother of three boys from the favela) after watching the photo slide show of them at Camp 2007. It is our desire to bring many more children, and families, this year to build stronger relationships and to hear and grow in the Word of God.

"I liked when Daniel [one of A.M.O.'s seminary students] said that he decided not to go to Carnival with his girlfriend so that he could participate in his first-ever camp [several years ago here at A.M.O.'s headquarters]. That will stay in my heart forever. ....I want to have a [life] story like Daniel's to tell other kids when I grow up...I wanted to spend much more time [at camp] and I'm praying that God will provide a longer time to hear more stories. I hope to hear [life] stories from each of the tio's [A.M.O.'s seminary students] to keep in my heart."

Maicon (13 years old) favela Gleba B



## Prayer Requests/ Praise

- For Transportation needs to be met to keep up with the ministry needs. Our desire was to have many more kids from the favelas come to camp but, due to lack of transportation, we were unable to at this time.
- Completion of the multi-purpose building so we can accommodate more kids/families for special events
- Thank You FBC St Pete, FBC Smyrna, and UBC Coral Gables for your faithful, continued support– your help makes all this possible!
- Thank you to the sponsors from FBC Smyrna who made it possible for many of the kids to participate in camp this year!
- Thank you to all the individuals who contribute to our ministry! God Bless you all.
- Pray for the after camp follow-up with many of the kids including Nilson, who will be starting chronological bible studies, and Naná, Juliana, Fran, Natalia and Vitoria who will be starting individual, personalized bible studies.

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