

Brazil Update

Carnaval camp

This time of the year in Brazil is the infamous Carnaval time with scantily clad people dancing in the streets, partying, and lots of alcohol. It's a very celebrated holiday here with even the smallest towns having some sort of celebration.

As an alternative to these festivities we held a one-day camp for our younger church children and a two-day, sleep-over for the youth here at A.M.O.'s headquarters. The kids that we minister to come from poor families yet, be-

tween them all, they raised almost \$150 Reais (approx. \$70 dollars) to help with the expenses!

Each day there were two "messages" given by our seminary students revolving around the subject of "Holiness", plus devotional times, bonfires, group projects, etc.

The kids had a great time playing games, relay races, competitions, swimming in the pool, making up skits and team songs, and eating, eating, and more eating! A.M.O.'s seminary students



all helped to organize and chaperone the events. For most of the younger teens this was a first time sleep-over camp experience and their testimonies reflect that they had an awesome time. They did not want it to end.

Please pray that these kids, most of them unsaved, will make decisions for Christ as we follow up on their progress in the coming weeks.

WorldCrafts

Once again the Lord has blessed and we've received another order for dishtowels from WorldCrafts, Inc of Birmingham, Alabama. The women in the favela Gleba B attend a weekly bible study class in our Ministry Center located in their favela and then afterwards they get together to paint and crochet. They're working hard at completing an order for four new dishtowel designs. Each dishtowel is painted by the women then

passed on to others to have the crocheted border made. After packaging them up and shipping them to WorldCrafts we receive a payment which goes directly back to these women who use the money to help sustain their families.

Visit WorldCrafts site at: www.wmystore.com and click on "Brazil".



Please pray for the mission groups scheduled for this year:

- April 8- 14th UBC (Miami) Youth group
- April 21st- 30th FBC Smyrna
- July 26th- Aug 6th FBC Smyrna
- November 3rd- 12th FBC Smyrna

Joana...



This past week an elderly woman from the favela that we've known for years passed away. Many of you will recall seeing pictures of Joana and hearing stories of her many trials and tribulations. In the time that we've known her she's lived in various wooden huts, none larger than 8'x8'. She had nowhere to bathe, cook or wash clothes. All her possessions fit in a tiny corner of her hut. Food that we gave to her had to be ready-to-eat as she had nothing to make her food in. Her own family stole from her. Never did we see her rest as she was always running here and there gathering what she could to survive.

Joana would come up the mountain with an empty cup in hand to get a cup of hot coffee during our bible study classes. She would never stay for the study but would talk freely with Pete on the streets. She made a comment one day. She said "you know, you're the only person (Pete) who ever hugs me!". She would always talk about the apostles then after a while she would talk more about Jesus.

One day when we went to her little shack she was trying to bathe by pouring water over herself with a small cup. She was hungry, sick with the flu, and shivering cold as it was wintertime and she was bathing with just a cup of cold water. The she commented, "I suffer so much in this life but it's okay, I can suffer because I know Jesus suffered for me." Wow, it really brings us back to reality when we start to murmuring about our own problems.

From her hospital bed she made it very clear that she was trusting in Jesus Christ as her only Lord and Savior! We now feel confident that Joana's in a wonderful place! No more anguish, no more hunger, no more tears, no more cold.....Praise the Lord.

Prayer Request

Please pray for Jaiane as doctors have indicated that she will need heart surgery.



They've discovered that half of her heart is deformed and enlarged. Surgery is being delayed as she is being treated for severe anemia.

She has occasional discomfort and tends to get very nervous and anxious.

Jaiane lives in a wooden shack with her mother and four brothers and sisters in the favela Gleba B where we minister.

Please note!

Our email address has changed!

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*Thank you for your prayers and your support!
Pete and Jodi*

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