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Left: The group we traveled with.

Middle: A group of kids from the orphanage

Right: Group of adults who came to get glasses

Mission Trip to Recife/Belo Jardim

“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” - Mt 18:3

So as part of the training process for the AME students we plan various mission trips throughout the year for them to get real life experience in ministries, and to put into practice what they have learned in the class room. During these nine days we went to three different places.

1. Vila das palmares. This is a very poor neighborhood on the outskirts of a large city, Recife. They live next to a landfill so there is always a pretty nasty smell looming over their neighborhood. We spent three days here and had two main ministries. One being a VBS for the neighborhood kids, in which we had a

total of 80 kids! Also there was a group from America who came with reading glasses, and we gave them out for free. At night we would average around 80 adults to hear the songs, a Bible lesson, and then receive their free glasses. What really marked us was how grateful these people were to receive something so simple as glasses. One woman had a tear fall down her cheek in happiness that she could now see. This experience makes us reflect on what's really important in life and how good God has been to us.

2. Lar Mana. Lar Mana is an orphanage also on the outside of Recife. It is funded buy some Christians in America, and holds up to 44 kids at one time. We spent Monday-Friday at the orphanage and it was another life changing experience. We went with the

intention to bring happiness, to teach, to love on them, etc. We left feeling that they had given us more than we had given them. During the day we played with them, colored with them, and at night we held VBS for them. As you can imagine some of their stories involve them being abused and not loved, however; they never stopped showing us love, by giving us affectionate hugs and kisses daily. These special kids will be in our prayers.

Belo Jardim. After leaving Lar Mana we went to another city to do an evangelistic campaign. Saturday morning we passed out 5,000 pamphlets inviting people to come to a special event that night at the Church Building. In all we had 35 visitors come that night and set up new Bible studies!

Updates

Emerson (New Christian)

Emerson is doing great! He is so excited about his new faith and comes to everything on his own, which to me shows he is taking ownership of his own faith. We still study together, and we are now looking for someone he knows to study with, so I can teach him how to share the Gospel with others.



Bible Hour

The new club we started on the college campus has been a hit! We have averaged about 30 people every week! We have set up 4 Bible studies so far through the people we have met there.

Aimers

The new AIM team has been here for a month now. We have really been encouraged by their presence here. We have helped them get settled into their apartments and their Portuguese is already coming along pretty fast. We are planning to let them take over a few of the english clubs, and we are going to start an LST campaign this month. Please continue to pray for them

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VBS João Pessoa

Before leaving for our mission trip we had a week long VBS. We had about 60 kids every day. The theme this year was "The Armor of God" in Ephesians 6. Jenny was in charge of Arts and Crafts while Erick stayed in the games area. We had a ton of fun and the kids enjoyed it as well. Most importantly they learned about how we need to protect ourselves from the schemes of the enemy!



Bible Studies We have about 9 individual Bible Studies right now. To name them, they are Ellen, Fred, Elias, Samara, Juliana, Monica, João, Edilsa, and Dani. Two of these studies have been going on for over a month, and is coming to the time for the person to make a decision whether they want to move forward or not. So please be praying for all of these people. We are confident that at least a few of these will give their lives to Christ and we are excited for that moment to come!

Future Ministries. We feel like God has convicted us this month for the need to reach out more to kids and poorer communities. We are currently looking for a local orphanage for us to volunteer at, and we were also able to get about 150 pairs of glasses to distribute here. Please be praying for God to help us to find the right place and that we will be able to be used by Him in great ways to bless these people He loves so much around us. Thank you for your continued prayers! We love you all!