

Recife NewsBeat

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Greetings one and all!

How on earth is it July already? As ever I will start by apologizing for my lack of communication! ..n now will crack on

I finished the last update saying we were preparing for our teenage Bible club (EBA) This happened at the end of January, with 150 11 -15 year olds learning about how to be more than conquerors in life! We used the same theme as we had done for last years kids club, as we thought it relevant! There was lots of singing, dancing, drama, testimonies, teaching, games n food! ...and it didn't rain!



The kids started back at Vale in February and we had yet another influx of newbies! The demand as ever was immense as I mentioned in my last update, but this year we have managed to reach more families with a new rule implemented. Obviously there are exceptions to the rule and we have tried to act with wisdom! We did some house visits before the term started, so we could get a feel for the needs of these potential new families, which truly is great. We had approximately 50 new kids enter the project this year! Consequently we had a period of about 3 weeks from them to settle in, start to understand the rules and get a feel for the place! A couple didn't manage to adapt, so unfortunately didn't stay, but the majority did!

With the amount of newbies, we didn't have enough uniforms, that were still acceptable to use, or the right sizes, so with the financial support of some of my Vale supporters, we managed to kit them all out with 2 new tops, 1 pair of shorts and a drawstring bag (as they have to bring a water bottle everyday) so thank you! They all look very smart and they were all very excited to have a new uniform! There was a slight mix up with the green colour we asked for and what they actually did! We asked for a darker green, to hide the dirt but they sent a paler green! But hey they still look smart!



The term has gone well. The newbies are all settling in well, learning to read and do maths amongst other things and many are already learning to swim!

In the run up to Easter we did a host of different activities that included games, crafts n songs that explained the real meaning of Easter, which was important especially in light of so many newbies, who thought Easter was only all about chocolate!

We had our country fair festival in June where the kids dress up in traditional seasonal costumes and we country dance, play country fair games and eat things mostly related to sweetcorn! It's fun!

To end their term, the teenage girls asked for a Pyjama sleepover party! So we had 42 girls between 11-16 sleep over at Vale! The theme was based on the first CSLewis film "The lion, the witch and the wardrobe" which they watched the week before. So there was a Bible talk and quiz based on it, along with messy games, pool time and food! As you can imagine no-one got much sleep that night!! Including the staff, trying to keep it all in order! But they loved it n actually wanted to stay longer! However we refused! Nearly 24 hours with them was more than enough! hehe!



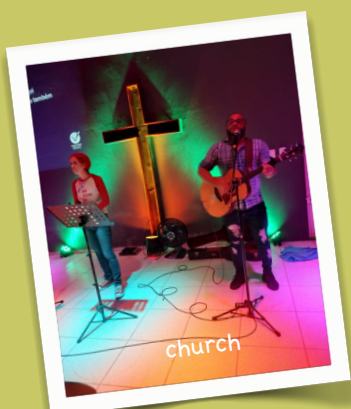
Our work with a group of 15 Mum's is continuing to go well. Last year there were just 2 of the teachers that worked with them, this year we all are. We are in pairs and 1 does the Bible study/talk n the other does games/dynamics/craft related to the topic. With all the teachers involved, we only have to do it once every 6 weeks (as it is once a fortnight) Their end of term request was to spend the whole day at Vale, eating, chatting, playing games and chilling in the pool ... with NO kids!!!



Well the first half of the year ended with our yearly Bible club for 175 kids (ages 5 - 10) This time the theme was "being the light that the world needs" based on the Disney film Encanto. We turned our hall into the colorful house setting from the film. There was a daily praise time, drama with the characters from the film, crafts, games and snacks and surprises! Usually we attend 150 kids, but this year the person doing the places overbooked and instead of having to choose 25 to remove from the list, everyone who was on the list participated! The demand was so great that when the spaces were released on a Monday morning, by 2pm the same day all the places and more had been filled! So some of those who attend Vale everyday missed out! We always open this up to kids who do not participate daily and this year we had over 75 kids who had never attended any event at Vale previously, which was awesome! It had also rained solidly the week before the event and up to the day before, but we prayed for no rain n God heard our prayers! No rain until about 6pm on the last day, when it was all over! Yay!



Am currently on a 10 day break from Vale as it's the winter holidays. Am planning and prepping for the second half of the year, which has lots of events to organize and come up with ideas. I am also trying to catch up with and cross off many things that were on my "to do" list, that over the past 2 months especially have ben on hold, as I had these previous events to plan and organize!



I managed to get 20 sessions of physiotherapy for my wrist that I hurt last August. This involved twice weekly TENS sessions and exercises. It was a race every time to be in the first group to be seen, so even getting there at 05am didn't mean I was first in the queue! My best result was being 2nd!! There really was no rhyme or reason to the correlation between the time you arrived and the number you were in the queue! It seemed to help abit, which was good!

Church is doing some outreach events, including film n popcorn nights, which is going down well with the kids of the community!

Prayer points:

Thanks:

- God's provision
- God's protection
- For all the new kids at Vale!

Requests:

- For renewed finances.
- For employment for Robério
- For wisdom as we contemplate the future.

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Thank you for your continued support!
Love and prayers!
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