Recife NewsBeat

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Greetings one and all!
How are you all?
Well, cannot believe it is nearly Christmas! ...it definitely will be, by the time I send this out!! So let's crack on!



Just want to start by again thanking you all for your continued support and interest in what I do out here. You have no idea how much I appreciate it! Fair to say, it would be alot more difficult without you guys! So thank you!

Well let's head back to July and our yearly kids Bible club (EBF) for 160 kids! The theme was about David and the fact that God sees your heart and that it and it doesn't matter how small you are, God can still use you! This was the same theme as the for the teenagers in January, just adapted for the younger age range!! It was 3 days of ALOT of noise, fun, games, sunshine and learning! I as ever organized the games, the schedule and timeline for each day n was the photographer! I was also mask and armour designer! I had to make 2 sheep masks, a bear and a lion mask and oversized armour for Goliath, consisting of a helmet, sword, shield and breastplate. These were for the drama about David and Goliath, that was told in parts each day! It was great fun! The kids got really drawn into the drama! This year, the kids were also blessed with a small zip shoulder bag with the image of the event on the bag!



It held their craft activities for the 3 days, other little treats and a toothbrush and toothpaste that they received, after a talk about how to brush their teeth by a dentist who came on the last day.

These bags have been very well used, to bring their water bottles and swim stuff, by the kids who frequent Vale every week! Tho sometimes it's a real battle to squeeze a rather large towel and water bottle, back into the bag after they have swum!!

After EBF we had 10 days off to recover, before our next big event. We had another team of about 22 people come from Paul's (who is the football volunteer at Vale) church in Northern Ireland. A couple of them had been to Vale way back when Paul came out for the first time, in around 2002. So they were very excited to be back.



The project for this team was to paint the insides of the classrooms and the big dining hall. All the walls are a grey corrugated metal, which were very dirty, so needed cleaning before being repainted. Also we decided to decorate the classrooms, to make them more child friendly! All around the classrooms from the bottom 1 metre and a half up were MDF boards fixed to the walls, with drawings depicting various themes from the Bible. 1 classroom was all about the life of Jesus, another about Creation and the third, about the fruit of the Spirit and a very large tree that filled one whole wall, that was the new library space for the kids!

I had prayed specifically that there were people on the team that could draw! Cz otherwise I would've had to draw it all myself and there would've been no way we would've got it all done, painted and fixed to the walls, in 2 weeks! Thankfully there were 4 people who really were amazing and willing to try n draw anything I asked for! We also had a host of others who were very willing painters!



Tree drawing - library

I was like just the foreman!! The finished result was incredible and the kids reactions were amazing! The N Irish team got to see firsthand the kids reactions, which was very special for them too! These guys also did another 3 day mini EBF for the kids, which was awesome fun!

The second half of the year started back as ever with some kids sadly not returning, due to various factors! But this also ment that some newbies started too, as we had places available! Two of which are both very small, just 5 and full of attitude and personality bigger than they are!!


Vale/N.Irish women's teams

In September the kids had special talks by the psychologist and social worker on suicide (tho obviously not mentioning this word, unless they brought it up) (yellow September) and activities about feelings, the need to talk through issues, situations and other things related to this! They also spoke with the Mum's and the teenagers too.

The 12th of October is the day of the child here and it's huge! So much so that we do a week of the child at Vale! This year was no different. We a had games day, we had a day of creativity, crazy hair day and a friend of mine (who does my braids) came and did 1 or 2 braids in the hair of any of the girls who wanted it doing! Our friends from the Registry office came and brought new toys for the kids.


pre teens group

A school also came and gave more toys! These were toys that our kids had been asked to say what was their dream toy! These ranged from skateboards, real leather footballs, remote controlled cars and special dolls! There were lots of very happy tears, lots of screams of joy and the biggest smiles ever! ..oh n lots of sweets n stuff!

At church I was asked to go and speak at the pre teens group, about my life and how I came to Brasil! It was also for them to learn more about me and ask questions! None of them knew my real name, which caused much hilarity!


Road trip!

Robério and I managed to go on a weekend road trip with 2 friends from church, to a nearby city up the coast! Sun, sea and laughter was on the menu! It wasn't long but it was a fab time, especially as 2 weeks before Robério had tried to cut off 2 fingers with a chainsaw, on a job he was doing, but he didnt succeed!! The surgeon did an amazing job at fixing it all and he is now using his hand near enough normally, doing physic at home, as is still waiting for official physio! God is faithful and the real healer!

Love n prayers - Ali (&Robério)

Prayer points:

Thanks:
- God's provision
- For the Irish team
- For this term at Vale

Requests:
- For renewed finances.
- For finances for Vale.
- For guidance!

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