

Recife NewsBeat

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Greetings one and all!

How are you all?

Well as always the year is zooming by, apologies for not sending out an update sooner, I was sure I sent one out b4 Easter, but apparently not! So lets crack on! ...

Well my birthday came and went. We had Robério's 4 yr old nephew and 6 yr old niece staying with us for a couple of days. So we went to a river, with a mini manmade waterfall, had picnic n water fights with water pistols! I had a surprise cake at about 9pm when Robério came back in from work, he n the kids sung happy birthday to me, it was very sweet ...n the cake the was delicious! The kids were made up, cz they ate cake at 9pm! Then on the



following Sunday at church, I got another surprise cake, this time with a sparkler, that took an age to light!

At the end of January at Vale, we had our yearly teenagers Bible club, which was over three days, with 155 11 - 15 year olds! The theme was about David and the fact that God sees your heart

and it doesn't matter how small you are, God can still use you! I as ever organized the games, the schedule and timeline for each day n was the photographer! It was a good 3 days, very tiring, but good!

The kids didn't start back at Vale until the middle of February, cz the year in Brasil doesn't start until after Carnaval, which this year was the second week of February.

Before I talk about that, I will mention 3 nature rescues I was involved in during January. We rescued 2 sloths and a hawk! The first sloth was trying to cross the motorway to escape from the wood fire, so Robério and I took him in the car to a safer place. I had never seen

a sloth before, so Robério showed me how to hold one safely (which would come in handy later...) The second rescue was another smaller, younger sloth, who was going for a "walk" along a path, having fallen down from t woods! I took him back up into the woods! I put him on the nearest small tree cz he was hissing! I know he wasn't gonna attack me, but I didn't want to stress him out anymore than he already was. Tho he was very cute, see photo evidence!

The third rescue was a hawk at Vale. He had got the tip of one of his wings caught in kite nylon, which was hanging from a tree. We thought he was dead to start with, but we think he was just exhausted from trying to get himself free, cz he finally started fighting again. Our handyman Leo managed to get him down from the tree n we tried to get as much of the nylon untangled as possible, but he was in a poorly way. He was so thirsty, that he just sat on the ground taking onboard the water I offered. It took nearly 8 hours after he was cut down from the tree, to be taken away by the animal police! They nearly didnt find Vale, but I managed to direct them to Vale, as GPS had sent



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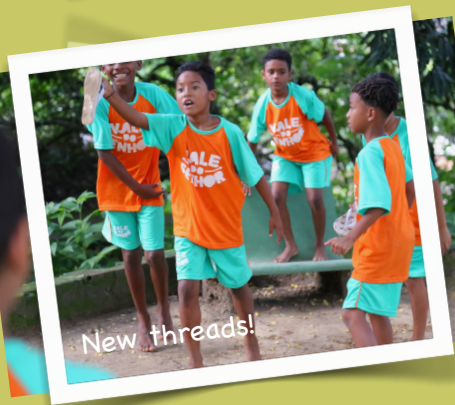




Second sloth rescue



Hawk rescue



New threads!



9 years!

them way away and they were gonna give up. I often wonder if the hawk recovered, whenever I hear the cry of another hawk nearby! Well, that was all the rescues up to now! ...back to Vale news! ...

We had lots of inquiries and requests for newbies this term, as always. Unfortunately the majority were for the afternoon session for the 5-7 year olds, we just didn't have a lot of spaces available for this session! However this season is now totally chock a block full, as we squeezed a few more in than we were going to. As a result of all these newbies, I now work 4 days a week (Tuesday - Friday) to fit in swimming safely for all the kids! Many of the newbies have never been in a swimming pool before, so patience is

definitely required, while they build up their confidence! However, I already have 4 new swimmers since we started back at the end of February, which is encouraging! As always every week there are new victories in the pool, ranging from just getting in the big pool, to jumping in the big pool all by themselves (wrapped in spaghetti floats of course!) to learning to dive properly, breathing better while swimming and learning new strokes! ...I never get tired of seeing them learning and beating their fears! It's such a privilege to see and be a part of this!!

We had Easter with our Registry office partners coming up trumps as

they always do at Easter, bringing non perishable food, to help fill up our dispensary and they brought chocolate bars for all the kids! Which you can imagine went down a treat!

The kids have all now got new uniforms! We had some offerings/donations, which helped pay for them. This year the uniform is a t-shirt, instead of the usual vest top and the shirts have a thin line down the side for a change! We wanted something different and they all look very smart! It's also been interesting to see the change in behavior with regards the uniform, as one kid said "I now BELONG at Vale!" as opposed to just attending Vale, when coming in their own clothes!

This year we have a psychologist and assistant and a social worker, all working with the atypical kids (Autistic spectrum/ADHD etc) and

working closer with the families.

As a team we have had various training sessions about working with atypical kids, child protection and other important issues! All very useful and helpful for a day to day work!

I also had a visit from Jo Anthony of CMS (the mission I am linked too) which was great to see her and for her to catch up with life at Vale!

In April we completed 9 years of marriage and a very kind friend gave us some money to go out for a slap up meal! Which was fab! Tho I really can't "do" high heels anymore! hehehe!

Promise I'll be in touch sooner, next time!
Ali (and Robério)

Prayer points:

Thanks:

- God's provision
- For the kids at Vale!
- Protection with the rain!

Requests:

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

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