

Newsletter

CHURCH MINISTRY - The Lord has blessed us and we continue reaching lives for Jesus in the outskirts of Fortaleza.

Our church is surrounded by slums (or favelas as they are called in Brazil). Rosalina slum is infamous for its high level of violence, drugs, and prostitution. It is one of the darkest and most broken places in the city and it is for this reason we have been attracted to it to shine the light and healing touch of Jesus upon it. Our goal is to make disciples and encourage believers to produce fruit and also make disciples. We desire to see families strengthened in the Word of God and get the vision to reach other families.

Favelas are characterized by high unemployment, low life expectancy and poor sanitation. In order to survive children often resort to theft, drug abuse, prostitution and gang violence. The lives of these children, their families and their friends are full of bad news, fear and misery.

The consequences of this kind of life on a child are devastating. There are thousands of abandoned street children and thousands of others who have some kind of home but are at still at high risk. These children have a lack of education, housing, healthcare and nutrition. Most significantly, they have no hope that their lives will ever be any better.

The public school system only offers 4 hours of schooling per day. For the poorest children in the slums, education gradually becomes less and less of a priority as schools are unreliable, overcrowded and uninspiring. Over 50% of students drop out by the time they are 11 years old.



We want to prevent the circumstances that lead kids to the streets and help them before they become street children. Our vision is that the children we work with will become faith filled disciples of Jesus.



HOUSE OF HOPE - It is very sad to see how the drug



addictions of parents in the slums affect the children and youth in such a negative way. At the House of Hope we receive men and women who seek help to gain freedom from the bondage of drug addictions. They have the opportunity to surrender their lives to Jesus and leave the addictions that are destroying their lives and families.



PRAYERS REQUEST:

Pray for our church to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus and bear fruit.

Pray that our church will have wisdom and direction in taking the Gospel to the children and youth living in poverty and destruction in the slums near the church

Pray we can find someone who can work at the women's rehabilitation home.

Pray for God to break strongholds for His glory.

Pray for wisdom, protection and direction as we strive to reach children and youth for Christ from the slums.

Pray for us as we share God's Word with these people. It is only through the power of the Gospel and conviction through the Holy Spirit that they can find freedom.

We thank our dear friends for laboring together with us for the Kingdom of God through your prayers and support in these days of many trials and difficulties.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for holding the rope as we go down deep seeking the lost.

In His Service,

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