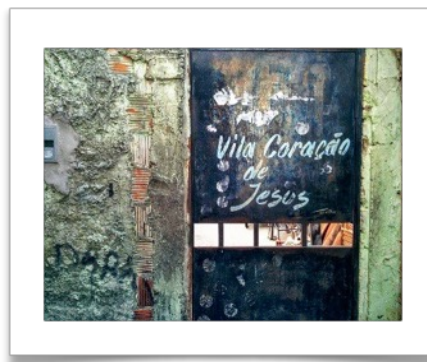


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*First I'd like to thank all of you for supporting us both prayerfully and financially! We've been here for 4 ½ years and could not have done it without you.*

*The day I sent the last newsletter I got invited by Rachel to go to this knew slum ( Guabiru ) that she was led by The Lord to start a Bible Study. Rachel has been serving in Morro das Placas for a while now and truly has a servant's heart. She also prayed to have a supernatural experience which I told her next time she does that don't call me! Just kidding! Well we get there and do worship and Bible study, then I shared my testimony. While I shared my testimony this young kid walks away and comes back, Rachel sensed that he went to get a gun to shoot us but didn't mention it to me. I saw him with his head down and really thought he was hearing from The lord but he was actually hearing demons telling him to kill us. Our God is Greater, and during prayer time we held hands. All of a sudden I hear "pastor he's falling". I opened my eyes and caught him and put him down. Well, if his intentions would have been played out this would be a whole other story, but in short he was possessed and in Our Gods mighty name Jesus, he was delivered and God did not let him fire at us. God actually knocked him down passed out! This little favela Called Jesus' Heart was taken over by 7 drug dealers and most of the families moved or got put out by these kids(less than 20 ears old).*



Pic 1 is the group that started going. Pic 2 is Allison the leader which is 16 and the one that had the gun on his back to kill us, he already has 8 homicides. Pic 3 is inside the gates. Pic 4 outside the gates, this is the only Favela that I've been so far that the drug dealers control total movement of who's in and who's out. They hold the keys.

Fast forward 3 months, because of Rachel's' obedience to God this place is almost inactive. 4 of the 7 are in prison now and Allison and the other 2 are barely there now! The first time we went there were about 30-40 clients an our after a few weeks they would not sell drugs during Bible Studies and now it is almost

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shut down! God is so faithful and powerful. No wonder the enemy wanted to kill us. God rocked that house, He says that his name won't be mocked so calling their drug hole heart of God was a BAD idea.



Morro das Placas and Oitao Preto kids Bible studies are going well. Please pray for these kids because all they see and hear is pure evil and many times the people that they trust or look up to are playing church so they really get confused about what it means to be a real Christian.

First pic is the kids from Morro das Placas. We took them on a day trip for good behavior.

The second pic is miracle girl, who got shot in the face 5 times and 4 of the bullets only grazed her and the 5<sup>th</sup> got stuck in her temple. She's back from hiding and is 15 years old with a year old baby already.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> pic is from Oitao Preto and the well behaved ones. So we hope! Pray for all the kids in these slums because Satan is so present in all these places, the kids tell us that at night they see dark figures by their bed side asking them to join him and he taunts them at night and oppresses them. These Christian mothers are allowing their daughters to have boyfriends and they are getting pregnant and move out to their own little shack and go through some rough times. The moms are happy because they have one less mouth to feed. It's very discouraging at times but we know God is not dead, so we march on and continue to invest in them!

God keeps adding to the church daily but not only that, to see people convicted of their sins and repenting and wanting Jesus is a miracle. They are growing spiritually as well and understand that the time is near. So awesome!



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We still don't have a building but we have God's hand all up on this! His creation, beach, ocean, fresh air! Just don't know how to explain this, so come down on a missions trip and see it yourselves!

We had our first church Thanksgiving dinner together this year! Y'all know we were the party house back home on that day, so we wanted to start that tradition here and thank God it happened. It was a great time of fellowship!



We got together for Christmas as well, very cool to start having a real church family like we have back home!

Erika has delivered 3 babies this past year and is going to Sao Paulo in February to get her license validated here. Brazil doesn't require a midwifery license but they have only one school that has it. This will make her the only one here in Fortaleza. Most of her births are for ministry purposes but she does intend to deliver some babies as a way to supplement our income! Please pray that everything goes well in Sao Paulo. Those of you that know Erika know how much she loves her midwifery stuff! Please Pray!

I need an office to study in because the house is just too loud and busy, so I'm praying about getting a little space that I could study at and also sell surf wax and maybe surf accessories (the small side business I'm trying to do to supplement our income too) Please pray!

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Please pray for the people that God has chosen as servant leaders in CC Fortaleza. I have a few couples that I think are it but you never know with people but God does! Pray for our Sunday services and Thursday night Bible Study. Pray for the studies in Oitao Preto, Morro das Placas and Guabirus! Pray for my time with The Lord and also for the one on one discipleship that I'm doing with a few guys! Pray for our men's' group on Friday nights!

Please pray for Erika to be healed from whatever she has, nobody knows but it seems like an auto immune disease that attacks her hemoglobin, thyroid etc. Please pray for our family as a whole, the kids me etc. Pray for our unity, health, protection, finances, minds not to be attacked and whatever else God puts in your heart!

Please pray for a ministry house we are trying to rent, it will be to bring homeless guys in and help them get functional in society again, of course it will be a way of sharing the Gospel!



Pic 1 Babies invade my bed, they are growing so fast. Pic 2 was a special day for Zion and I. They have been playing soccer on and off for 4 years now and Zion always gets put on the worst teams. The teams are not bad but the kids' attitudes are horrible. They get scored on so they stop trying or they have been a lot of ball hogs etc. Zion would be the only one cheering up the team and leaving his blood for his team. This year God blessed him with his perseverance of never complaining and always doing his best. His team wasn't the best but became the best! They won the championship by beating the best teams. What makes me so proud of him is not him winning but him keeping the team together and encouraging them and being a good example of never giving up. He is not the best player but came through for his team when he scored the first 2 goals of a 3-0 win over one of the best teams. He's definitely a leader for the Kingdom of God! Very Proud dad!

Please pray about coming down for a missions trip and see for yourselves what God is doing. These trips, seeing and being with you guys are very important to us since we have left our home and families to serve down here. I had never put much thought into how important these trips were until recently. I've realized that it's gasoline in the fuel tank, it helps us get through the tough and lonely times! You guys really encourage us and keep the fire burning! God bless you and once again THANK YOU!

IN CHRIST ALONE

The Piagettis