



# ACCF NEWSLETTER

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# Nepomuceno

Brazil

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Brasil! The new school year began in February and the boys have adjusted well to the school routine. Please keep this academic year in your prayers, that our boys will have a desire to learn and focus on their studies.

Along with the start of the new school year, we also began our after school program, CTE Adonai, again. This year we expanded our program to include girls in the morning group, and so far it has been a great experience. They change the feel of the group bringing joy and daintiness, and we are thankful to be able to use this outreach opportunity to bless their lives as well. We have 25 children participating in the program this year. The kids participate in devotionals, prayer time, enrichment activities,



After School Program

sports, and guitar lessons along with times for food and recreation. Soon we will inaugurate

our new computer lab and be able to offer one more course. Please keep this outreach opportunity in your prayers, that the Lord will work in the lives of the children who participate.

For Easter this year, the Home was blessed with many visitors who brought chocolates to our kids. We organized a special brunch for the after school program and the kids learned about Jesus's death and resurrection. On Easter weekend, the Home hosted a Church retreat organized by the Nazarene Church from Guararema, São Paulo. There were many special activities and services for both the boys and the caregivers. The retreat was attended by four Nazarene congregations from the surrounding area and we all enjoyed a time of great fellowship. We praise God for the Guararema Church organizing this retreat and the blessing it was for all.

In our last update, we shared how grateful we were that we once again had a complete team. Unfortunately, at the end



New School Year

of February, Edilson and Poliane, the newly arrived couple shared how hard it was being away from their families and returned to Parana. Another one of our workers, Anderson, responsible for the barn and gardens also said goodbye to our team. We are grateful for the time they all served at the home and pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen and equip our team!

In February, we also received a new boy, Alisson Natanael, 12 years old. Alisson likes to talk and play soccer and is very helpful in activities around the house and garden. Please pray for a future of hope for Alisson.

In our last update, we shared how Helton and Katy are in the process of applying for an immigration visa for Helton. We are now on Step 11 of the 12 step process, and the final step is an

interview at the Consulate in Rio de Janeiro. Helton's interview has been scheduled for June 26th. Please keep this interview in your prayers that all will go well and that Helton will be granted this visa.

We also ask for your prayers for Max and Leticia, the new directors of the Home. They recently shared the joyous news that they are expecting their first child in November. Please keep their growing family in your prayers as they lead the home and for a safe and healthy pregnancy.

In closing, we would like to sincerely thank you for your faithful financial contributions which help us in the daily care of the children the Lord has entrusted to us. We also are so grateful for your continued prayer support. We praise God for your partnership in this ministry!

In Him,

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Church Retreat



Easter Candy



Alisson

In his Easter devotional book, Rich Wounds, in a chapter about the “glory of the propitiation,” David Mathis quotes from a song entitled, “In Christ Alone” (Keith Getty, Stuart Townsend) these astounding words:

*Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.*

In our easily offended and emotionally sensitive world, and in many Christian circles, the concept of God the Father’s wrath falling upon His Son is too repulsive to accept or at least too uncomfortable to think about (“cosmic child abuse”). Some Christians have changed those objectionable words to “The Love of God was magnified.” Though wondrously true, that Divine love is most magnified when we grasp the reality of propitiation. The holy wrath of a perfectly righteous God was satisfied (propitiated) when it fell upon His perfect, sinless Son that Friday on the cross.

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.” (Col. 3:13)*

We all live under that curse, under that Holy wrath, until by faith we recognize our own cursedness and embrace the cross of Jesus. As Mathis puts it, “Because the Father loved us, even while we were sinners, and because Jesus also loved us, they partnered together to bring about our salvation through the sinless Son of God willingly dying the death that we sinners deserve. . . The way to let the love of God shine its brightest is not to try to mute His righteous wrath, but to acknowledge it: to tremble at what we’ve been saved from, to stand in awe of the amazing self-giving of God’s Son, and to invite others into the rescue.”

Here in Johnstown PA, part of our Resurrection celebration, part of our invitation “into the rescue” was “The King’s Table.” Fifty members of a local Christian ministry to the disabled called ABLE, responded to the invitation to COME! Be guests of the King at His royal banquet. It was a wonderful evening of celebration and a foretaste of THE AWESOME SUPER FANTASTIC FOREVER PARTY which the King will one day celebrate with His people. That title is the name of a delightful children’s book written by quadriplegic Joni EarecksonTada. The banquet was the brainchild of Karah who teaches Bible lessons and doctrine to this enthusiastic group. Dozens of volunteers and caregivers made it special for all those invited. The evening ended with each of the invited receiving a copy of Joni’s book and a rousing invitation to the King, “PLEASE COME QUICKLY, JESUS!”

While we await the Lord’s coming, we are called to serve



one another, including the “least of these.” The disabled, widowed, struggling and lonely surround us all. Because of generous donations at the end of 2022, here in Johnstown we are moving ahead with plans for the ministry house across the street from our home. Oak Place Ministries is envisioned as a place of refuge and healing for the lost and lonely. We have contracted an Amish construction crew to build a regulation-sized wheelchair ramp and covered deck serving both sides of the double house. We are awaiting the response of another Amish crew to install two downstairs wheelchair accessible bathrooms. Please join us in seeking the Lord’s wisdom, that the revisions to and preparations of the house will meet the needs of those the Lord will send to be cared for.

At Lebenshaus in Brazil, the Lord’s death, burial, and resurrection were remembered with a three day retreat. A couple of new families have become a part of the GOTM Church, and their kids thoroughly enjoyed the great outdoors. It was a good celebration.

After six years, one of the five children for which we requested US immigration visas has arrived to the final step of the process. Debbie and I will be going with Andy(21) to Rio de Janeiro at the end of May to complete this last step. Andy has some intellectual disabilities and will be interviewed at the US Consulate. We are praying for the Lord’s perfect will to be known and followed. Our daughter Fabiana (Bia) has been denied a visa. She has various disabilities and functions best when family is around. While in Brazil, Debbie and I will



be seeking the best way to meet those needs. We need the Lord’s wisdom. Two more sons are still in the long immigration bureaucratic system. All the boys were young teens when we started the process but are now young men. Bia has a very child-like faith in Jesus. Andy and the other two sons (Lucas and Arão) are still under the curse.

They, with other of their siblings, need to repent and accept the Divine invitation to The King’s Table.

*And the ransomed of the LORD shall return to Zion with singing; Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isaiah 35:10)*

PLEASE COME QUICKLY JESUS!

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support for Green Olive Tree Ministries and our family. May we all press on as we serve the One who invites us to His awesome, super fantastic, forever banquet!

For GOTM , Brent and Debbie

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# Mission Paraguay

South America

## Blessings!

In our home church, San Antonio, this past month we had a baptism for three- a father and his two young adult kids. All three were invited to Life Groups at the same time. Each one of them came to know God as their personal Savior and desired baptism. We are blessed with German and Mia (the kids) who are also donating their time to our social development project.

## Mid-Week Life Group's

At the beginning of the year our women's life group multiplied. It got too big for Maria's house. There were more than 20 crammed into a small living room. We made a new group, and this time, Maria (for the first time) was serving as the group leader. She mentioned to me that her group probably wouldn't grow because they are all older ladies, and they don't go everywhere to evangelize.

I mentioned to her that this is not a competition. It is a support group that shares God's Word, during the week, a Church at home, like in Acts. We worship, have a prayer time, we share God's Word, and then share testimonies during snack time. No one competes with other groups. We share and we love. God does the rest. Every month Oscar and I visit each one of the Life Groups to encourage and minister to them. This past week, I went to Maria's Life Group and there were three new people in the circle. I was amazed! Women came to praise God together, to pray and learn more about Him.

There are over 20 groups in Church that meet during

the week. Some Life Groups are small, but some have 15-20. That's like 200 – 400 people reached with God's Word weekly. Brothers and Sisters reaching out while being Christ's hands and feet. Not all of them come to church, many of them don't like "religion." But the Holy Spirit is working during these important encounters and people are being saved.



Maria's Life Group



## New Outreaches

Two of these Life Groups have grown and multiplied into outreaches, and future churches. We will be opening a church in Capiatá in the second semester.

Joel and Daniela felt called to pick up and move to the city they were ministering in. God worked out

the details and, in a few months, there will be a new church there. Praise God! There are four Life Groups in Capiatá, growing and multiplying. In Ypané we have Escuela de Vida and three Life Groups. We have no building or roof, but we have people searching for God and ministering to their neighbors. There is a team being trained and they are getting ready for the challenge.



LIFE group in Ypané



We thank you for your prayers, your financial support and encouragement. God is doing amazing things in Paraguay, transforming children, youth, and adults for eternal purposes.

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## PARAGUAY MISSIONS: ESCUELA DE VIDA

Our year began with our annual volunteer training that happened during the four weeks of February. Over 30 people, from the ages of 15 up until 60 years old, are part of the 2023 team. The training program involves prayer, teachings and lots and lots of preparation before everything starts. On the second week of March, we officially started the classes.



There are over 70 kids participating in Escuela de Vida in the city of San Antonio and more than 40 kids attending the newer extension of the project in the city of Ypane.

Escuela de Vida

works as an after-school program and offers classes of Literature, English, Art, Physical Education, Christian History and Principles & Values. Our curriculum is completely based on Biblical Principles. The principle-based education is a way of teaching and learning that puts God's Word at the center of every subject and teaches students to think and learn. It is a method of education that unlocks the potential of the individual, forms Christian character, builds knowledge based on a Christian worldview, and prepares servant leaders.



During each class, the kids have the opportunity to investigate the Word of God to build an idea; then they will reason from the principles in all disciplines and activities presented and start to relate the biblical principles to their personal life. Then they will know how they can apply them in daily life.

The first two principles that we have learned so far are:

- Individuality: Everything that God created has its own characteristics for specific purposes. During the art classes, the kids drew their own self-portrait. That way they were inspired to acknowledge and thank God for their physical image, their God-given talents and to express and glorify Him.

- Stewardship: God is the owner of all things and gives man the responsibility of managing internal and external resources. During the Physical Education classes, the students were guided to understand that their entire being belongs to God (body, soul and spirit.) Therefore, the correct motivation for physical exercise must be for health and vigor, to take good care of the property that God has given us: our body.



There is a big difference between being a Christian and living like a Christian. We don't want our students to just be Christians, but to live like one in every aspect of their lives. We believe that by learning to reason by means of biblical principles, a worldview transformation occurs in their minds and consequently their attitudes are affected and changed.

We know that the enemy is, now more than ever, fighting for the children's lives. The gates, the weakest points in the wall of their hearts, must be closed to the passage of the enemy and be guarded. Our main goal as a Social Development Project is to do battle for the hearts and minds of our children with a Biblical Christian education because that is the defensive wall to build families and healthy nations.

Thank you for praying for us and believing in this Project. Through your donations we are able to continue to expand the Kingdom here in Paraguay.

God bless you,

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# Little Hands Orphanage

Mexico

Greetings from the Little Hands family,

We recently looked into how many children have come to Little Hands orphanage since it started. Praise God: Little Hands has been home to 80 children since beginning in 2015! 80 children who can take those seeds planted in their hearts, and shine the love of Jesus to the rest of the world.



In January one of our little girls, who had been with us for three years, left to go be reunited with her family. Before she left, we were able to have a going away party for her, and many members from Church came to say goodbye and pray for her.

It was encouraging to see how many people loved her and supported her during her time here. She is greatly missed, but we are so happy for her that she can live with her family and bring the light of Christ to them. We were excited to receive some phone calls from her family with updates on how she was doing. They said that she makes them pray before every meal, and she told us that she tries to read her Bible every morning. Please pray for her that the seed that was planted in her life continues to grow. Then, in February, we had a set of siblings also leave to be reunited with their family.



In March we received 3 new little boys to the orphanage!



The boys' house is now even more full of energy, a washer full of muddy clothes every day, and a chorus of excited little voices every time we pass by a construction truck or motorcycle on the way to Church. Please pray that these new little boys will soak up everything they learn about God while they are here, and that they will feel safe and secure with their new family here at Little Hands.



We were also blessed this spring to have several visitors and volunteers. The parents of caregiver Leah Albu came to visit for a week. They got to meet the new children and did a lot of activities with the kids. We also had two highschool students come do volunteer work here. They helped the kids with homework, did a lot of outdoor work and gardening, and helped with many other tasks. The kids were also invited to a factory that makes airplane parts here in Tecate. They got to ride on a firetruck, and they got to see how the factory works before being provided with lunch and gifts!

We are so grateful for all the blessings and support we receive, and are excited to continue caring for more and more children, showing them what it is like to grow up in a stable, Christian home. Please pray that God gives everyone strength to continue this work boldly, with energy focused on Him, seeing how He grants the increase!

Dios los bendiga.



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# Canaan Land Ministries

Brazil

*Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

- Ephesians 3:20-21

Thank you all for your continued prayers and giving to the ministry at CLM. Here's an overview of what's been happening since the beginning of February:

**Recital:** On February 3, all but 2 of the CLM children presented music they had learned in lessons with Bethany during January (summer break). They had the opportunity to learn flute, recorder, piano and accordion.



Recital

School started again on February 6, along with many opportunities for extracurricular activities. Six of the teens took an intensive course in Word and Excel. Some of

the younger children also have computer classes, while others have recreational activities like indoor soccer in the colony.

**Staff Situation:** In February, new caregivers Kaique and Lyuba arrived. Lyuba is from Russia and has been in Brazil for 6 years. The couple had a few weeks of observation and training before taking over for caregivers Gleison and Mayara, who were leaving to return to the state of Sao Paulo. They work with a group of girls, ages 8 through 15. Both Kaique and Lyuba are talented singers. Kaique plays the violin and Lyuba piano and guitar.

In March, caregivers Nicolas and Leticia arrived. Nicolas has experience as a rescue worker and has shown his talent with carpentry. He has already built a bench from pallets and several other useful items. Leticia sings well and plays guitar. She also has experience with graphic design and social networks. They are taking care of a group of older boys, ages 15 to 18.

Matheus and Drica, who had been at Turvo, also came to help cover vacation for caregivers Rogerio Malachias and Bianca, making the workload manageable for all after months of overload for the caregivers. Matheus and Drica also sing well, and Matheus plays guitar. All three new couples are missionaries who took courses at Youth with a Mission.

A new social worker, Sara, also started at CLM in March. She is helping share some of the load for the technical team.

We are extremely thankful for the new staff members God has sent us. Ironically, the number of children we are caring for

has dropped significantly in recent weeks. In the last 5 weeks, 2 teens left for adoption and 3 returned to their family, so we are down to 15 children officially sheltered here. One of the boys who turned 18 has chosen to stay for a while, so we have a total of 16 children and teens. Please pray with us for God to send us the children He has in mind.

**Easter:** On Good Friday, we once again had a Passover seder experience for the team. Former caregiver, Vagner, led the reflection time and former caregivers, Hoelynton and Ana Paula, took care of the children during the event. It was a great time to remember what Christ did for us.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, the CLM children participated in two presentations at Church, one with the Sunday School kids and another with the whole CLM family.

Kaique led the CLM choir in singing "Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne, crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious..." Lyuba accompanied on the piano with one of the teenage boys playing guitar. We plan to continue this choir project and have already started practicing another song.

**Turvo Property Sold:** After a few years with the Turvo property on the market, we finally found a buyer. The CLM Board and Missionary Committee had mixed feelings about selling the property. It has a huge sentimental value for those who worked there, who helped fund the construction, or helped build or develop there. However, in the end, it was decided that the funds from the sale would benefit CLM much more than retaining the property, since it wasn't being fully used and is very costly to maintain. The new project that we started at Turvo recently will be moved to a different location. We have a few more months before we have to vacate the property.

Dependent on your prayers, The CLM staff



Seder

Caregivers: Cristiano & Thais, Mateus & Rosangela, Rogerio & Bianca, Matheus & Drica, Kaique & Lyuba, Nicolas & Leticia

Internal Director: Anderson Kasnocha

Tech team: Altair (psychologist), Isabella and Sara (social workers)

Support staff:

Bethany (marketing/communication, education, administrative/supervision)

Rogerio (spiritual oversight and administrative)

Danielly (finances/administrative)

Junior (Turvo maintenance)

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