

Life Abundant

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New Partners in Ministry

In September of this year Ali and I celebrate 10 years of ministry in Brazil! Over the last 10 years, we have long found limits to how far we can extend ourselves and how much we can do by our own hands. We are so thankful for the valuable partners who have stepped in to carry several projects shoulder-to-shoulder with us.

Recently we have seen the homeless ministry extend beyond us, as the members of our halfway house decided to welcome friends from the streets to share Sunday lunch together. The Crescimento Limpo Horta (Garden) is used on Sunday mornings to welcome friends off the street for a warm breakfast, and many of them have joined us for worship service afterwards. Our halfway house residents have chosen to offer hospitality to these individuals around the lunch table as a way to encourage the possibility of change and new beginning. Through the relationships built at breakfast and lunch we have accompanied 16 new people in the process of triage and housing, and watched as our residents have taken ownership of this ministry. We are proud of our residents and the hospitality they are showing, and amazed to watch as those who were received now serve as hosts.

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July = Camp Roots & CURA

We are in the thick of Camp Roots preparations for 2017, our 8th edition! Our Brazilian staff has participated in training sessions with Ali and I throughout this semester, and we are confident that they are ready to lead an incredible week at Camp. We will welcome 2 Texan churches this summer: Johnson St, from San Angelo, and Highland, from Abilene.

We are praying for 50 Brazilian campers to join us for the week, which will total 110 people at Camp Roots. The theme this year is "The truth will set you free," and we look forward to exploring this theme with conversations in the Camp Roots community. *We hope to distribute bilingual Bibles at Camp this year, and are looking for donors who would like to make a contribution towards 75 Bibles. Please let us know if you are interested in blessing our campers.*

Camp Roots will lead right into CURA ('cause that's how we roll!), our medical campaign that gathers dozens of medical and non-medical volunteers from the States and Brazil and offers hundreds of medical consultations to people in need. We have expanded CURA to include small home repairs for the neighborhood, child care, and community development. Nowadays 30% of our volunteers are Ituanos (what we call people from Itu) not connected to our church who heard about CURA and want to be a part of a service movement in our town. CURA has become the church's strongest witness to the love of Christ in our city.

And thank *you* for providing us with the support to live out our calling in Itu. We look forward to telling you about our summer and all the wonders God will show us as we continue to seek His face.

As many of you know, this year began with a difficult chapter of miscarriage for us. Although we have often served from a point of perceived strength and security, today we serve from a point of known weakness and disorientation. But we continue to serve and to search. We wait on the God that we profess. We are thankful for the supportive community that we have, friends who have given support and space and have stepped in to carry the load from which we have needed to step away. We are very thankful for the commitment between us and the ways we have offered love and support to each other during the storms of life.