

Recife NewsBeat

October 2019

Greetings one and all!

Yet again sincere apologies! I honestly was sure I had sent out an update in July, but wasn't until my Mum asked for one this week, confirmed I hadn't written since May! Very poor communication! I used to be so on top of it all! Time is flying by so fast! It's nearly 2020!! So lets crack on ...



Garden of Eden, EBF

June and July were preparation for our yearly holiday Bible club for 5 - 10 years old. This July we had 160 kids attend, which was amazing! The theme this year was about the 5 senses and using them for good! It was all based around the story of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. I had the job of turning our dining hall into a Garden of Eden! As you can see from the picture, it turned out ok! N yes, they are real palm trees!! As it was based on the 5 senses, I had to decorate 5 different doors, each representing a sense, that were incorporated into the drama each day! Two of my "boys" from the Roda went with me again (Juninho and Peixe) They were part of the band and the drama! The kids love having them there and they are very good with the kids!

This year the craft activities were all linked to the senses, so were a bit different! For example one of the days they had to decorate a cupcake! There were more sprinkles and sticky sauce on the floor and the kids than on the majority of the cakes! BUT, the kids had fun and learned a lot, as well as had the usual fun with lots of water and other activities and games!

After this we had 10 days off to recover, before the second half of the year started! Usually when we return after the winter break, there are quite a few kids who don't return for one reason or another, or they move away! This year only 5 didn't come back immediately!

The second half of the year at Vale has been teaching the kids about the fruits of the Spirit, friendship and attitudes, with crafts, drama and music all being used to help get the points across!

The 12th of October is the day of the child, but we always do a week of different things, no lessons, just FUN!!



This year was no different in that we had pool fun, water games, inflatables and for the first time "Zumba kids" ...this was with my Zumba instructor (Gaby) They absolutely loved it and near enough every week someone asks me when she is coming back! The feeling was mutual and she is planning on returning! Tho' one little 5 year old did ask Gaby if her name was "Zumba", cz it was written all over her clothes!!



Another highlight for the kids at Vale and for me too, was the visit of Jo&Damo in September. They came to get a feel for Vale and my life out here! They brought so much stuff with them, craft wise, toothbrushes and toothpaste for each kid, lollipops, first aid supplies, swim supplies ...and an inflatable unicorn game for the pool which has become a firm favorite, tho now it's more who can get on and stay on the unicorn!



It was fab to be able to show them a flavour of my life here. The kids at Vale loved them, in the pool, making bracelets and teaching them Portuguese to name a few! Robério and I tried to show them a little of Recife and Pernambuco (our state) too! A couple of the beaches we visited, are currently covered in oil due to a huge oil spill somewhere off shore, which is very sad! We tried to "do" cultural experiences, food experiences and even took them to a football game (Robério's team) which is a cultural event in itself! Stood on huge concrete steps with a sudden torrential rainstorm and half the fans the whole game just singing and jumping!



Thank you to everyone who sponsored them or donated something for them to bring out. It was a real blessing! One example being that the kids were able to eat something called "papa" (its a hot, chocolate type blamange thing) which they love! It's just that we don't have a lot of extra money to buy little treats like this, so the fact that they were able to eat this thanks to donations, was awesome! Our cook literally cried with joy!



It was also good for Jo to go back to church at the Roda and see how much my "boys" have grown, from the 11year olds she met last time! To also see them leading worship in the band, was cool! For Damo to also meet them! ..and blessing the band!

We are currently in the middle of preparation for our Christmas spectacular at Vale, so it's all go!

Thanx for all your continued support and prayers!

Lots of love
Ali (&Robério)

Prayer points:

Thanks:

- For good EBF
- God's provision
- God's faithfulness
- For a great time with Jo&Damo

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Requests:

- For renewed finances.
- For employment for Robério
- For guidance and wisdom as we contemplate the future

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