

Dear friends,

Everywhere we look we see **"BOAS FESTAS"**, which means "Good Parties". This is the common greeting at Christmas time in Brazil. It seems like the end of the year is summed up in parties... especially since December is also the school year end and the beginning of summer break. Therefore we have the normal year-end parties, Christmas parties, graduations, closing of activities parties etc... through these many celebrations, we must remember "Immanuel - God with us" and fill our hearts with thanksgiving.

We recently enjoyed a "party in the park" that was put on for the children from church, the congregation, and community. We began with a program of songs and story time by Jerilyn, and puppets, a skit, and face painting done by COL adolescents. Ken worked very hard on all the logistics. The afternoon was full of games and services (blood pressure and glucose measuring, hair cutting). We ended with a hot dog bash! Many of the children present were the result of our Vacation Bible School. You can be a part of this outreach to children by sending support in to special projects called "VBS supplies for church plants-\$200 USD".



What a joy to get together with our first church plant in Torres at their 17th year of organization celebration. We were so happy to see so many new people and to wonder at how God grows His church. People thanked us for obeying God's call to begin this work which was how they now know Christ. We also have a special project you can tie into called "National church planting materials \$700 USD".



Another special celebration took place as Ken and Jerilyn visited Nei, Adriane, and children, Ana Raquel, and Leonardo. Adriane was one of COL's first children. She phoned to invite us to their new apartment and dedicate their new home to the Lord. It was so good to see their joy as a family and to see God's faithfulness in their lives.

Thank you all for your prayers and support this year. It has been a tremendous year filled with celebrations and constant reminders that God is with us!!

The Bayers

Praise & Prayer Requests

- That God be with the house parents and COL children as they vacation on the beach and/or lake.
- That God bless Telmo (new COL director) and family's trip to Canada.
- That God give us health and strength as we "fill in" at the church and at the homes to relieve vacationers.

"...and they will call him Immanuel - which means, "God with us".

—Matthew 1:23b

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