

Brazil 2016



Five who experienced their first life changing mission trip. I'm so thankful one God builds the team!



Part of the team painted this sweet family's house while some did dentistry, Milissa gave glasses and at point, Ethan & I helped Josh teach English. You had to be there to hear that!



People often ask, "Can you really do anything in a week?" My response is always, "I can't but my God can!" Another question is "You have already been to Brazil. Why go back?" You know I can't just answer your question, I have to tell you a story. Last year, a mom brought her daughter to the dental clinic because her tooth was hurting. Jennifer explained that she had an abscess, she would numb the area and pull the tooth. The little girl said, "I'll run!" She refused that day but came back on the last day as we were preparing to leave and had the tooth pulled. This year, as I took a young girl and her mother to the dental clinic, Logan immediately said, "It's I'll run!" They were happy to see her again but sad that she had another tooth abscessed that needed to be extracted. After Jennifer pulled her tooth, "I'll run" and her mom went to see Rosie, who presented the gospel to them. After hearing the plan of salvation, the mom said, "I have been to this clinic three years in a row and now I get it!" God can even use an abscessed tooth to bring another into His kingdom! "So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase" (I Cor. 3:7). That's why we go back as "laborers together with God" (I Cor. 3:9) as He builds His church.

Since the church is bursting at the seams with people standing in the aisles and on the porch, they are trying to buy property to build. The price of land is outrageous so Josh asked if we could do a prayer walk. Jennifer suggested we write scriptures in the dirt, claiming God's promises. We debated how many times should we walk around; should we pray silently or out loud? We walked around seven times praising God, praying aloud for the salvation of the land owner and asking for His will to be done. Then, Pastor Mike reminded us that God builds the church on the Rock, which of course is His Son, Jesus Christ. (Matt. 16:13-18). What a sweet time of prayer and praise as we look to God to "do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesian 3:20).

