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the MCGEE family

UPDATES FROM WORKING IN NITEROI, BRAZIL

✧ God's Workmanship ✧

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us."
- Ephesians 2:10*

Orphanage Service Project

We as a team have often discussed the desire to create a 'servant heart' in our church plant here in Niterói. We realized that this has to start from the beginning in order for our members to feel a true desire to help and serve their neighbors.

With this in mind we had our first 'service project' as a church on April 24. We went to a nearby orphanage in the neighborhood of Fonseca, and there helped with painting several rooms and hallways and repairing some walls. When tired from the manual labor, there was always the opportunity to go downstairs and play with the kids

who were engaged in a very active game of dodge ball (played with a soccer ball...which hurts!). It was good to see our members interacting with the kids and engaging in service to help better somebody else's life.

We had a little over 20 people come out to help, which ended up being perfect for us, allowing some to play with the kids, others to color and draw, help cook meals and of course

work upstairs painting. We are so thankful for the people God has blessed our church with and the servant attitude which they are already showing.



Small Groups

The month of May marks the beginning of our small groups ministry. This is one of my primary ministries with the church here, and I am excited to see where God leads our church through these groups. Our groups will be meeting weekly in the home of Brazilians and will be studying who Jesus really was. This study will look at many misconceptions about Jesus and what the bible teaches. Please be in prayer for all of the neighbors and friends who will participate.

School of the Bible

Our strategy as a team when beginning this work was to build a strong foundation in 3 areas in the beginning of our work, before moving on to adding additional ministries. These areas were our Worship Service, our Small Groups and the School of the Bible. The School of the Bible is a free course

advertised to help people learn the basics of the bible in a clear, simple and practical way.

This 'course' is made up of 12 lessons which outline some basic foundations of who Jesus was, what he taught and the church he left us. I (Zane) have had the opportunity to teach one of the classes along with my teammate Ben Roberts, and it has been a great opportunity for me,

both in teaching and sharing the Word, and in teaching in Portuguese. We have 5 people attending our class and they are great students! I ask that you be in prayer for them as we study the Word of God together.

