

The McClures

A Steady Year

Given all that happened in 2008, with the move to a new city, then the unexpected trip to the States to care for Ann Janel's dying mother, this past year was a welcome stretch of normalcy. It was a busy time, with plenty of preaching engagements and ministry opportunities, but all set against a backdrop of finally living in one place for a full year, following a somewhat regular routine: homeschool in the mornings, Portuguese classes in the afternoons, Wednesday night Bible study in our home, and teaching Sunday School and preaching on the weekends.

The Other Side of the Coin: Helping Host Missions Trips

In a neighboring city, our missionary friends Russ and Diane Dean as well as Donna Faircloth, have a ministry called Haven of Hope (AME,

Associação Morada da Esperança, in Portuguese). It was originally intended as an orphanage, but due to political issues with the city government, has been adapted to something a little different. Three times a week, AME (pronounced UH-mee) hosts 30 children during the morning before their afternoon classes at school.

AME offers these low-income children from troubled homes breakfast, classes in computer, mathematics, and art, as well as fun activities on the large property, and then a nice lunch before they head to school. Every year they host missions groups from the U.S. to help with construction projects around the property, and to minister to the children through drama, activities, and friendships. This year we had the opportunity to join our friends in hosting two groups, particularly in the area of translating for them. Watching these people in action, doing all they could to bridge the language and culture barrier to show love to the children and Brazilians as a whole, was a huge blessing to us. It is definitely a change to be on this side of the equation, the veteran missionary hosting the American groups, but it was certainly one of the highlights of the year.



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Another Move in the Near Future

We have known since arriving in Campinas that our time here was short. Our plans were to finish out Ann Janel's language training while ministering in area churches, then seek a place where we could settle in for long-term ministry in the area of church planting, training leadership, and biblical counseling. Throughout the year we have had increasing contact with my good friend, Joel, who pastors a church in Jacareí, a city an hour and half east of us. As we have talked over our long-term goals and dreams for ministry, Joel has shown us convincingly how we can accomplish them while working alongside him and his church. To that end, we are wrapping up Ann Janel's language classes in the first two months of this year, already making plans for a move to Jacareí to work with Pastor Joel and Igreja Batista Bíblica by early April.

Thank you for your prayers for and support of our ministry.

We're looking forward to a great new year.



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