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Dear Friend,

***'Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But desire fulfilled is a tree of life.'***  
**Proverbs 13:12**

Our house church is growing and impacting families and the community. The new Christians who so faithfully come each week, seek comfort, strength and support to live a life in the midst of injustices, oppression and lack of opportunity.

Last week my heart just about melted when I saw nine of the woman crying out to God on behalf of their alcoholic husbands. Some of these woman have been suffering under these man from tremendous abuse and oppression for many years.

It is unfortunate that the man is not involved in the process of leading their family morally and spiritually. In fact it is quite the opposite, they are a hindrance to their children and a continuous source of strife and fights at home.

In my years of work with the poor I have learned so much from the perseverance and the strength of woman who work and provide for their families whilst raising their children. It is these women and more often their older children who lead the household spiritually and morally. Listening to their stories and watching their faith in Christ blossoming encourages me and makes me realize the impact that CBC is having in this community of Agua Fria.

I deeply want to thank you for your prayers and financial support in this work in changing a nation one child and one family at a time.

On behalf to the children

Marc Marques  
CBC Dir.

## Gym construction photos



**Painting outside of building**



**Painting the stage**



**Making soccer goals**



**First chapel service in gym**

## 24 people with a purpose

During August 24 people from Calvary Assembly of God, Virginia donated their time and talents to spend 10 days at CBC. After almost two years of preparation the trip was a tremendous success and an extremely big blessing to CBC.

During their 10 days, the team worked primarily on phase 3 of the gym construction. In the first day they painted the entire building inside and out! During the rest of the trip the team added two more coats including the black wall behind the stage. In addition they built a safety fence to enclose the sports area, two goal posts and made railing for the stairs. We were completely amazed by the energy and commitment of the group who regularly had to be enticed to stop working with offers of delicious Brazilian food!

However, the work of the team did not stop at the gymnasium, the group organized special activities with the children at each break time as well as taking a lead role in a Super Saturday health impact day, chapel services, house church, staff devotions and a trip on the mission bus.

Our thanks go to the team for their example of servanthood, faith and unity.

## Actions speak a thousand words

Driving through the community around CBC is often a frustrating experience as we see so much need and so much more that could be done. However, we were encouraged on a journey recently when we saw CBC students working on a community survey and picking up trash in the community on their way. This is all part of a CBC project on citizenship which the students are studying at the moment.

After we stopped to encourage them we continued on our journey and less than a block further down the road we saw other children who were not from CBC, throwing rocks and dirt. What a huge contrast in the attitudes of these two groups of young people. One group determined to improve their community and the others thinking only about themselves. It is our prayer that through the example and determination of our students this community will have the passion and drive to succeed.

## Prayer Requests...

- Many of you will remember Regislane, one of CBC's most successful athletes and promising students. Very sadly, problems at home led her out of public school and CBC. Regislane age 17 is now a single mother, her 10 ten day old baby boy was born healthy in a local hospital this month. Please pray for Regislane and for her new life as a young mother. Regislane is one of many young girls who find themselves in similar circumstances.
- For the women in the house church as they continue praying and believing God for the salvation of their husbands.
- For funds to continue with phase 3 of the gym
  - ☺ Plumbing
  - ☺ Windows and doors
  - ☺ Electrics and lighting
  - ☺ Bathroom fittings
  - ☺ Sceptic tanks
  - ☺ Tiles for bathrooms
  - ☺ Furniture for classrooms and auditorium
- For the students as they are beginning a special project about social responsibility and citizenship.
- For the college students as they proceed to the second year and face harder and more challenging courses of study.
- For our high school students who are preparing to graduate in December.

### Any questions ?

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