



Hello, Friends!

We are well into the new year of 2024, thankful for **wonderful celebrations at Christmas and New Year's**. We have such a full, rich life shared with many people. Our people in Bateias love to be together for any reason so we are always coming up with new opportunities for fellowship. What a great crew we have for working with the children! After many short nights and lots of planning we pulled off another successful **Children's Camp** for 70 kids and 30 staff members. Our theme this year was "With Jesus on the High Seas." We "travelled" to many Bible locations to learn about hearing God's voice from Biblical characters. Paul made a great boat which was used for the skits and decorations. We had a special "luau" for the banquet and a memorable night of testimonies and prayer outside. Despite the heavy rains we were able to do almost everything we had planned. The kids all memorized Bible verses to get "stamps" in their passports. They learn so much in 4 days! If you would like to sense some of the joy of camp watch the camp video on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTyyG3ZBdWw> We enjoyed having Matthew and Ednay here to help. It was Zoey's first time as a camper at Bible Camp and she loved every minute. Ian and Nicholas (Christina's son) were good campers, too. You can play "I Spy" and try to pick us out in the photo at the top.





Children's Camp



Carnaval Camp

Two busloads of happy campers travelled from Curitiba to Campo Mourão for the annual **Carnaval Camp**. It has evolved into a camp for all ages. Families camp in tents and the youth stay in the dorms. We enjoyed lively praise times, good teaching, warm fellowship and beautiful weather. It's fun to see the intergenerational relationships. Our local pastor Mateus was the main speaker. Many hearts were touched as he preached from the book of Daniel. Zachariah and Carey Ritland along with their friends, Logan and Trevor Blom, spent time with us during January and February. They did many useful projects while here. Now they are in Paraguay visiting Mafu and Nay. Pray that God would guide and direct them.



Zach, Trevor, Carey, Logan



People to people sharing God's love

We enjoyed **many visitors** for meals over the holidays. It was fun to briefly see Pastor Augusto from Switzerland; our longtime friends, Gary and Sherry Hauter from Petrolina; Erlend from Iceland; Neusa from Canada; the 4 young people from Iowa; and Matthew's family from Paraguay. It's an international meeting place!



Family

Christina and Daniel are happy to be in their new house to begin the new year. Pray for Daniel's dad, Gerson, who recently received a diagnosis of terminal cancer (the man in the white shorts). We are praying for a miracle! We are also thrilled to welcome **our 11th grandchild** to the family - Levi Emanuel. He came 3 weeks early, healthy and peaceful. We plan to be in Paraguay to help them out with the 4 kids starting Monday.



Projects

We're always working on projects to improve the ARCA - **new sidewalks and work on the prayer chapel**, social outreach projects, shut-in visits. We also had eleven huge pine trees cut down behind our house. Now we need not worry about a tree falling on our house when it starts blowing outside.

We invest our talents, time, energy, money, and prayer in activities to draw people's attention to Jesus. We try to light the way to the Light of life! We push and plan and pray...and then suddenly...it's all over! We really hope that the events are much more than just an event, that all this effort will have eternal results. Our desire is for people to have an eternal relationship with Jesus. He is the reason we are here. **"In Him we live and move and have our being."** Acts 17:28



**Our sincere thanks for your partnership with us,
Paul and Becky**

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