

Mission Partner of the Month - April 2022



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The Rocks Family

Pastors and church planters in Florianópolis Brazil, working with the Brazilian Association of Vineyard Churches to plant churches and train leaders in Florianópolis



We hope this finds you all well. We always consider it a great privilege when our work is being profiled and prayed for. Despite the pandemic a lot of great things have been happening here since last time we were featured. Last year we launched a version of the New Wine Discipleship Year here and had 8 people from our church take part. Those who took part grew in their faith and many have taken on more responsibility in the church. We also ran the HTB marriage course. The course was great, giving couples tools to better communicate and work on various areas of their marriage. We finished off the course with a night of pizza and dancing. Also in August we started a monthly men's night – for this the church feels more like a bar with a pool table, darts, card games and music. As part of the evening there is a short talk and an opportunity to share with each other and pray for one another. The evenings have been well attended, strengthening friendships and there have been new faces coming along. In October we had a children's outreach event at the church to commemorate Brazilian national children's day. Over half the children who



New Wine Discipleship School Graduation

came were not from the church. The afternoon was full of games, music, snacks and an evangelistic talk.

As a church we have been out on the streets and the beach with our prayer gazebo, offering prayer to passers-by. Many people stop to receive prayer and many are touched by the presence of God. We also had an evangelistic event with Christian rappers in one of the favelas in our neighbourhood. There was popcorn and other snacks, rap songs performed and testimonies given about the transformative power of the gospel.



National Children's Day Outreach Event

There's certainly been a lot of activity. One of the challenges for us as a family has been tiredness, having led the church through the pandemic. We hope to be back in the UK towards the end of the year on furlough, however we are currently taking a break. Jimmy has taken a sabbatical due to exhaustion. We leave the church to be taken care of by our leadership team. Do pray for them and particularly Marcelo, who will be taking on more responsibility at this time.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for God's blessing and refreshing for us as a family. Particularly during this sabbatical period that it would be a time of renewal and strengthening.

2. Pray for our church family, for continued growth numerically and in maturity as we seek to make disciples who make disciples.

3. Pray for Marcelo and the leadership team as they step up during this time.



Sunday Evening at Vineyard Floripa



Prayer on the Streets

St Michael's Church Link: Sam & Rachel Clarke

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