

THE DUARTE FAMILY

THIRD GENERATION MISSIONARIES



Dear Prayer Partners,

June 27, 2020

As Covid has brought some restrictions to our area of Brazil, **I have looked for unique opportunities to still share the Gospel.** Since moving here, I often spend afternoons kicking a ball around with some neighborhood boys on the street in front of our house.

Two weeks ago, on a Friday night, **I invited all the boys to a two vs. two street soccer tournament. I told them that afterwards I would provide pizza, coke, and share something with them that had changed my life! There was a great turnout of fourteen young men** plus several others who came to just watch the game. Gloria and Elaina cheered the teams on as they each played. Earlier in the afternoon I had bought an LED light which I then set on top of our wall to illuminate the street that night as the boys played. (It gets completely dark here by 6:00PM and the tournament started around 5PM.) My heart has been so burdened for these young man as most of them would never come to church, and yet they came out to play soccer. **All of them listened very respectfully as I later preached the Gospel to them! I shared many verses explaining their need for a Savior and the punishment for their sins.** I invited any who wanted to be saved or had more questions about salvation to come by my house anytime to talk or message me on WhatsApp. **Several of the younger boys approached me afterwards to ask more questions about sin and salvation.** One boy live-streamed the message I preached on Facebook for all his friends to hear too! Though no-one made a salvation decision that night, I am confident God's Word never returns void and He is going to do a great work!

Most of these kids and teens come from broken homes and have absent fathers. Long after the soccer tournament, preaching, and pizza were over, my phone was blowing up with messages from the boys. They kept thanking me for hosting the event. **One young man messaged me that it had been the funnest day of his life!**

Thank you for having a part in reaching these boys for Christ!
Thank you for praying for me as I reach out to them and following up with each one personally! Thank you for investing in eternity!

In Christ,

Jed, Gloria, and Eliana Duarte

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Praises:

- The great soccer outreach
- Good health

Prayer Request:

- Salvation of the neighborhood boys
- Good health and protection from COVID

