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The call in action

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We hope you are well and were able to enjoy celebrating Christmas and the New Year with those you love.

After over two years of serving in Brazil and not knowing when we would be able to visit the UK because of all the COVID-19 restrictions, we were so excited when we heard in November 2021 that Brazil had been taken off the red list and that Sarah's vaccine was finally recognised by the UK government. We were able to travel to the UK in December and spent a wonderful time with Sarah's family over Christmas. Praise God that he made a way for us to come, and pray that God's plans and purposes for this trip will be fulfilled.

Before we came, we were spending some time preparing the dance studio in Aguazinha for *Danca Agua Viva* (Living Waters Dance), a new dance ministry we are planning to start in February 2022 for women and children who live in the area. We have been clearing the room, painting the walls and doing some grouting. There are still some things we need to do before we are able to start offering dance sessions to the community. The studio has no windows or ventilation and is extremely hot, like a sauna! In order to dance, we need to install air conditioning and we also need to put down a simple mat floor that will be safer to dance on. Please pray that we will be able to raise funds to complete the renovations and start offering dance ministry/therapy sessions as soon as possible. Sarah dances at the monthly women's service at Agua Viva church and quite a few women have shown interest in coming to Sarah's sessions in the New Year.

Anglicana Agua Viva church and ReVive are working in partnership to offer jiu-jitsu and Sarah's new dance ministry. Rio Social (from River Church) is also offering football, a crochet club, a women's club and a club for adults to learn to read and write. It's been wonderful to see the organisations working in unity. A lady who has been suffering from depression for many years started to attend Rio Social's women's club. After attending for some time, she gave her life to Christ and is now a regular member at the local church, Anglicana Agua Viva. Rio Social has also employed a young man from Anglicana Agua Viva to run the football club. The Spirit of God is able to flow freely between the three organisations and we pray that the Kingdom of God will be established more and more in the community.

At ReVive, four of the girls we have been working with closely, left at the end of last year. One girl went to live with her aunt, two girls went to live with their



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Our call: To reach out to children at risk, their families and communities through the love of God, ministering in his power to bring healing and transformation.

Our role: Working with ReVive in Olinda, a safe house for girls at risk, Sarah is a dance therapist and Daniel is helping raise ReVive's profile among churches and charities.



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Spending time with family over Christmas

mothers and one girl left of her own accord. It was amazing to have this brief opportunity to sow into their lives and see them growing in their faith, self-esteem and confidence. Please pray that the experiences they had with God while they were at ReVive would stay with them and that the seeds that were sown would only grow and flourish for God's glory. It was a pleasure and privilege to know them and be able to share God's love with them while they were with us at ReVive.

Our eldest daughter Sophie has inspired the leadership at ReVive to introduce recycling and to educate the children who live there about caring for our environment. Sophie has designed a project called Clube de Consciencia, Salvando Vidas, Inspirando Pessoas, (Conscience Club – saving lives, inspiring people) that involves litter picking on the local beaches in Olinda, recycling and reusing the rubbish found there. We went to visit a local cooperative in Olinda that works with recycling and they would like to work in partnership with ReVive and Sophie's project. Please pray for this project to start in the New Year and that through it, many people would be inspired to care for the environment in practical ways.

Daniel is working on an inner healing course with our pastor at River Church. Through helping and discipling his own cousin who has a drug addiction, Daniel was asked to minister this course once a week to the men who are living at a Christian drug rehab centre. Many of these men come from living on the street, or have been involved in crime, and we can see God is beginning to open up opportunities for us in healing ministries. Please pray for God to show us the way forward and use us to bring healing to the broken in Brazil.

Please join with us in praising God for his incredible provision in enabling us to buy our rented house in Brazil and do some renovation work on it over four months. We were so blessed to be able to stay with two different families while the renovations took place. We moved back in November in time for Sophie and Ana's birthday parties. They both had a few friends over to celebrate with them and we are so thankful to God for the friends he has blessed us with in Brazil, and a home we can call our own.

We were also able to host the ReVive Christmas party at the end of the year for the leaders of ReVive and the other missionary families who work with ReVive. It was a great way to celebrate all God has done through us all in 2021.

God bless you and fill you with fresh hope for the New Year.

Daniel, Sarah, Sophie and Ana



Photos from top to bottom: Grouting the dance studio in Aguazinha; visiting the cooperative for Sophie's recycling project; celebrating Sophie and Ana's birthdays in our new home; Christmas party with the ReVive leadership team and missionary families

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