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What we do: Working with ReVive, a safe house for girls at risk, Sarah as a dance therapist and Daniel as an advocate for at-risk children.

Dear friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are busy here in Brazil but we are enjoying seeing God working in our lives and in the lives of the people we spend time with.

Sarah's parents came out to stay with us in April and it was so special to have them in Brazil and to show them round. They found the people so warm and friendly but they were struck by the poverty and the awful potholes in the roads! When they visited ReVive, they felt sad seeing the abandoned babies, but commented on the positive atmosphere at ReVive. Overall, they really enjoyed their time in Brazil and said that their eyes had been opened and now they understood why we were here!

At ReVive

Youth Alpha

We ran Youth Alpha with the teenage girls who live at ReVive. It has been a great experience and the girls at ReVive enjoyed the weekly videos and discussions. We also had some wonderful times of worship and prayer ministry, where the girls experienced God's presence. Three of the girls made commitments in prayer to follow Jesus but all of them are open and growing in their faith. We had the first and last Youth Alpha session at our home in the country. The girls loved coming to our house where they were able to enjoy the space and play in the condominium pool.

Now we are leading various devotionals at ReVive during the week, using a mixture of dance, stories from the Bible, acting, worship, prayer and playing games! These moments are so important for the girls. As they draw close to God, he draws close to them, comforts and encourages them in their daily struggles. Daniel has started taking the girls to church on a Sunday morning and he could see how much they have grown and was impressed with their behaviour.

Fostering service

The fostering service is needing more foster families and Daniel has been asked to visit churches in Olinda in August and September to talk about what the Bible says about adoption and fostering to encourage Christian families to get in touch with the fostering service to find out more about fostering.

ReVive shop

In March, for one month, ReVive was given a shop, rent free, in the shopping centre to sell crafts that the girls



Sarah's parents visiting ReVive

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and staff at ReVive have made. Sarah helped create some crafts for the shop with the girls and we also helped run the shop a few times. The shop gave good visibility for ReVive and was an opportunity to raise some money. Times have been hard recently and we were looking at having to close one of the safe houses this autumn. In the past few days we have received a generous donation which will allow us to continue our work, but we still need to raise more money to cover ReVive's operating costs. We will be running the shop again in October and December 2023. Please pray that the shop would be a success and for more support in general.

In the community of Aguazinha

Dança Água Viva

Our work in the community is about restoring the four foundational relationships – our relationship with God, ourselves, others, and creation. The dance group is more established now and the women are loving God and each other more. It is always a pleasure for Sarah to be with the wonderful women who make up Dança Água Viva on a Monday and Thursday afternoon. Often as we dance together in worship, great joy is released and when we minister to one another using the flags, God's peace and love touches us in tangible ways.

A couple of weeks ago, one of the ladies, C, experienced some drug traffickers invading her home. They were looking for her daughter, but they put a gun to C's head. After this traumatic experience, C didn't want to leave her home and come to dance. So the group decided to go and visit her, and we were able to pray for her. We found out the following week it was her birthday, so we decided to have a party for her at Dança Agua Viva.

Everyone in the group spontaneously brought something and Sarah brought a special cake. It was wonderful to bless our friend like this and have her back in the group. Since then, she has started coming again and is really enjoying the healing presence of God when we minister to each other.

The group also decided that they wanted to dance in worship at church and so at the last women's service that happens once a month, seven of us danced in worship. It was a massive challenge for them to dance in front of others, but they were brilliant and afterwards were full of excitement as they shared how free they felt and how much they had enjoyed it!

Food market

Daniel has been helping run the community food market for a while now with fellow mission partners Rosie and Stu Bayford. They have a fantastic team of volunteers from the local church, including a few women who also go to Dança Água Viva. Daniel sometimes leaves very early Friday morning to collect the food, which then is washed, sorted and bagged by the volunteers and in the afternoon is received by about 25 families. We recently celebrated the food market's first birthday with a cake. Please pray for a strategy for the team of how to support the families that come to the food market so that they don't need to depend on the market.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers. May God bless you!

Love from, Daniel, Sarah, Sophie and Ana



Photos from top to bottom: Youth Alpha with the girls at ReVive started and finished at our home in the country; the ReVive shop opening in the shopping centre; Dança Água Viva celebrating C's birthday together; the community food market with the team of volunteers



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