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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,

In August we enjoyed receiving Paul Tester (CMS's manager in Latin America) and Andy Roberts (mission director at CMS). Paul visited us at home and it was great to spend some time with him. Daniel took him to the Monday night pastors' meeting, where about 30 pastors from Olinda unite every week to seek God and pray for the city. Paul also visited ReVive, Dança Água Viva and the food market in Aguazinha. He was really encouraged and saw the potential of our work in the community as part of pioneering mission.

Paul encouraged us to connect with other people in mission who are working together to develop creative ways of doing mission to engage people currently beyond the reach of traditional church. Paul also encouraged Sarah to continue her writing about Dança Água Viva; how to train others to set up Dança Água Viva groups in their churches or communities.

On 20 September, Dança Água Viva celebrated their first anniversary and we had a party for the group to celebrate! Dança Água Viva is a safe space where the women can be themselves, dance freely and share what's on their hearts if they want to. The group has become really established over the year and the ladies have developed trusting and loving relationships with each other and have grown in their relationship with God. The group decided to keep the party for group members only, that way everyone felt safe and free to celebrate together and give thanks for what God has done through this special ministry.

On the day of the party, one of the ladies from the group came early with Sarah to help set up the room. They decorated the dance studio and Sarah brought a special cake. All the ladies contributed by bringing food and drink for the party. They are always so generous when they provide food and we had so much to eat!

We had a time of sharing testimonies and two ladies shared of physical healings they had experienced at Dança Água Viva. Other ladies shared of emotional healing, how God had often brought peace to troubled hearts and the joy of being together and fighting battles together. One girl who is only 15 years old shared how she was very depressed and had considered suicide. She had been let down by her church but when she came to Dança Água Viva she felt happy.



Paul Tester and Andy Roberts
visiting Dança Água Viva

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**With Jesus
With each other
To the edges**



Sarah printed out photos that had been taken over the year and the women loved looking at those and remembering special moments. At the end of the party, they each choose a couple of photos to take home with them. Every time they look at their photos, they can remember the positive way they feel in the group and be thankful.

Soon after Dança Água Viva started one year ago, one lady in the group discovered that she had breast cancer and for a while she felt too vulnerable to come to the sessions. We kept in regular contact with her and Sarah and Daniel visited her in her home a few times and prayed with her and her husband.

She told us how the first doctor she saw said he would have to remove her whole breast and that she would need radiotherapy and chemotherapy. After prayer, God intervened and when she went back to the clinic, she saw a different doctor who said that they only needed to remove the tumour and there was no need for chemotherapy. She was elated and went through all the necessary procedures, and a few weeks before the party received the news that she was free of cancer!

After the party she wrote Sarah a message: "We celebrated one year as a group and I can say that we received the best gift, that of your friendship and your always being available and your humble company. May God always keep you like this, with that light that shines out to all those around you. Know that attitudes like this make us feel closer to Christ, more loved and valued. Your work is based on love, and this is clear to us all. Thank you so much for everything, always continue like this and may we celebrate many more years in this same blessed way." What a gift after one year of ministry.

At ReVive we enjoy receiving CMS short-term volunteers. We have recently said goodbye to Lydia, who stayed for four months and now a new volunteer has arrived called Juliette, who will be staying for six months. As a family we always like spending time with the short-term volunteers. It's a big deal for them to come to Brazil and be thrown into life at ReVive and Aguazinha. We try to support them as much as we can, offering them advice on things we have learned over the years, especially about culture, and generally providing a listening ear and the opportunity to talk in English. We invite them to our home, and time permitting, take them out to interesting places in the city.

The fruit and vegetable garden Daniel planted at ReVive as part of Conscience Club is growing and beginning to bear fruit. We pray that our lives in Olinda/Recife would bear much fruit for the glory of God. *This is for my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.* John 15:8

God bless you and thank you for making all this possible through your prayers and support!

Love from Daniel, Sarah, Sophie and Ana



Photos from top to bottom: Sarah celebrating one year of Dança Água Viva with the ladies; the ladies at the one-year anniversary party; tending the garden; the fruit and veg garden bearing fruit



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