

Step report *Brazil*



*Welcome back to our second Step report!
We've had such an exciting week!*

We started the week with some construction work, getting the majority of the wall finished! The boys also dyed their hair right before we headed off on a road trip to Cabo Frio in Rio state. Although the journey was around six hours, the stunning scenery made every minute worth it.

That evening, we met the young people from Ferias Para Jesus, a project that equips young people for evangelism before sending them out to share the gospel. We received an incredibly warm welcome, with everyone eager to get to know us and learn about our lives back home. We each had the opportunity to share our testimonies and explain why we've come to Brazil.

On Thursday, we joined the project on the streets for evangelism. There were several teams, including dance, evangelism, and children's ministry, and we joined the evangelism team. Despite the language barrier, some of us were able to have meaningful conversations, so please pray that seeds have been planted. It was so encouraging to watch the young people confidently share their faith. The dance performances were especially powerful, telling the story of the gospel and showing the difference that Jesus can make in our lives.

Friday was the project's rest day, so we spent time together at the beach. We all tried açaí (which definitely gets our recommendation!), enjoyed yet another delicious churrasco, and even managed to fit in a game of football.



Construction continues



What could go wrong?!



Evangelism

Special experiences

Sunday was a much-needed slower day. We spent the morning with the young people before saying our goodbyes, then had a restful afternoon before heading to church in the evening. The rest definitely paid off because we all sang in front of the church - a slightly nerve-wracking but really fun experience!

And last but certainly not least, on Monday we visited Rio de Janeiro! We had the opportunity to see Sugarloaf Mountain, and we're not sure we'll ever witness a landscape quite as beautiful again. Standing there, surrounded by such incredible scenery, left us in awe of God's creation and reminded us of His greatness.



Rio was amazing!



Not a bad place to rest!



In the church

Where we have seen God at work:

During our first week, we were slightly discouraged by the lack of opportunities to meet young people in the town. We prayed that our trip to Cabo Frio would introduce us to people our age - and it certainly did!

We are so thankful that God heard and answered our prayers, giving us the opportunity to build friendships, encourage one another, and serve alongside such passionate young people. It has been a reminder that God is always at work, even when we can't see the bigger picture. Although we didn't understand why our first week felt so quiet, He was already preparing opportunities that far exceeded our expectations. This week has encouraged us to trust His timing and His plans, knowing that He sees the whole picture even when we only see a small part.



Meeting people our age



We love a bit of football



Team bonding is going well

Prayer points:

- Pray that any conversations we had on the streets would be fruitful and have left people thinking about what Jesus did for us on the cross.
- Some of the young people from Saõ Paulo are joining us on Saturday to run a kids club in Pinda, pray for their safe travel and that kids would come!
- Pray for our team as we continue serving - for energy and joy in the last days of serving.
- Pray that our last week here would have an impact on the church and we can get a few more people to join Aćacio's church!
- Praise God for all that he has done so far

Wholehearted mission

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