

I'm ~~never!~~ too old for this!

I was taught in High School English 101 that I should never use the word "never" in a sentence....never! And I have to admit that over the past 8 weeks in Brazil there were many times when I never would have put "never" in that title. (Confused? In other words, imagine the title without the word "never" in it :) Why? Well, this "old man" has had the privilege of sleeping in over 20 different beds in the last 50 days (unless...wait a minute - do you count the floor as a bed? if so, make that 25 different beds!). I'd convinced myself that I would be able to keep up with teams of teenagers and young adults down from the US....knowing that even after putting 2 (or sometimes 3) of their combined ages together, I still got them beat by the age of a small child (wait a minute, what kind of victory is that?!). My nightly bedtime of 9:30 (wink, wink) was thrown out the window as I found myself nodding off while chatting with some of these kids into the wee hours of the morning (OK, and truth be told there were a few nights when I religiously kept that 9:30 deadline...no matter who wanted to talk)

And yet... any yet I pray that I "never"...ever grow tired of playing "Kamikaze" UNO (I'll explain the rules to you sometime) with kids who have "never" walked into a church before, of sharing the love of Christ with those who say that they've "never" heard it before, of helping pastors see a new and "never" before explored potential in their city.



I pray I NEVER grow tired of times like these!

Meanwhile, back home....



Landscaping Changes!

We just want to say thank you for all of the notes and prayers we received in light of our recent "Landscaping Changes". For those of you who didn't hear -- during a storm in early June our house and car were damaged when 4 trees came down on them in the middle of the night. The good news (note in the picture) was that the mailbox wasn't even scratched! Seriously, none of us were injured and in the next couple weeks repairs are to begin.

Alessandra, Becca, Kayla

Alessandra's back from her semester in Australia where she had an incredible experience. Her travels then took her out east and a month-long internship (in her area of Visual Communication) at a magazine in Pinehurst, NC. Now, it's back to college for her senior year!

Becca spent part of her summer in Haiti....and Brazil. In recent talks with her it seems like she's "found herself" when she's ministering overseas. What does that mean for her future career? Stay tuned....

And **Kayla**. Kayla just started her first job at a local restaurant and we're following her closely to see how she does with "work" and with the new school year in light of her migraine struggles.

Future Travels

August 7 Return from **Brazil**

August 21-25 **Haiti**

August 29-31 **Atlanta**

Sept. 6-14 **Haiti**

Sept. 17-26 **California**

FROM STEVE & LIZ

I've told so many here in Brazil over these past many weeks that I consider myself the most blessed person on earth. The testimony below came from one of our Brazilian pastors and gives you just a glimpse of what I've "lived" recently. Thank you...for we realize that none of this would be possible without your love...your support....and your prayers!

Steve & Liz Spellman

THANK YOU FROM JOINVILLE, BRAZIL

"What we saw in these days was certainly a "moving of God" and all had their lives impacted. On Wednesday night in our Family Group meeting there were several people there who'd never participated before as well as several visitors. We had a time of testimonies and I needed to end the time by 10 o'clock but the people kept conversing, praying, crying until almost 11:00. The testimonies were incredible, revealing what God had done in these days. We had healings, restoration of lives, consecration of lives into ministry, conversions and much more. What happened these days was way beyond what was planned and we are grateful to God for each instrument that He used in these days." (Pastor Evaldo Grunhaggen)