

You've got incredible news!

First of all, I must apologize for the lack of communication. We organized a team to discuss our dreams about Pestano and our new program and we already had two meetings during October. Here are some topics we've been discussing:

- The creation of a visual identity for the program, which is going to be very important for the online page;
- A website in Portuguese/English to make us able to keep in touch with you our brothers and sisters of far away;
- We're registering every meeting in official documents because we think about being an official institution someday (like a NGO or something like this). The reason for that is getting closer to public politics and other supports that the government promotes. By now, just a distant dream.
- And, of course, we're preparing pilot projects to start next February. Our first ideas are football classes, art with recycling materials and stomp workshops (percussion and body movement).

One of the girls of our team, Jéssica, went to a training retreat at Fazenda Rio Grande, a small town near Curitiba, where people of different churches, all of them working in diaconal ministries, shared their experiences and their vision, and learned more about the establishment of the Kingdom of God in earth and our calling as co-redeemers with Christ in the creation. She's been sharing with us many great ideas, and I ask you to pray for her life as I see her as one of the main leaders God is rising to make this dream come true. She studies Occupational Therapy at the University and got a great merciful heart.

Here is my personal request for you to pray for Thiago and Aline also. The church in the neighborhood is getting more lively and cheerful with the small groups in homes every Wednesday. On the other hand, a misunderstanding with one of the gangsters of Pestano is making their lives more difficult – the guy thinks that his dog was hit (and killed) by Thiago's car. The main thing is that it happened in the same week their car was in repair. Even after trying to talk with him, he didn't change his mind and some bad thing happened – our church in the neighborhood was vandalized with graffiti, Thiago had two tires of his car stuck during the service, and a few stones were thrown on our roof, opening holes on it. Now the situation appears to be controlled, even so is complicated when you dedicate your life for a neighborhood and all you see is ingratitude. That's why your time with us was so amazing and God did speak through your lips in that Scripture about Peter walking on the water.

I have translated your e-mail for the whole team and of course we're going to discuss our pleasant "problem". God's work must never stop!

We want to write for you each 15 days, after our meetings. Our page will soon be online!

Thank you for all support in every way!

Juliano