

Pelotas, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

To all Norwegian friends that are dreaming with us for a greater manifestation of the Kingdom in this world,

We would like to start our letter this month with our visual identity, recently made by the designer Tamires, Thiago's sister:



We could translate the words above into “Holistic Life – Integral development program”. The simple lines of the logo show some of what we intend to be for the neighborhood – a simple, warm, friendly place, made with love for the people of the neighborhood, made by different people inspired by God. In addition, what the Lord commits us to do is simple: serve people, giving not just what they want, but what they really need, filling their lives in all senses.

Our first project is in its fourth week. Little by little, that small group of fifteen teenagers becomes a real team, although we know it is going to take some time. Davi, our volunteer teacher is doing great with the group. He is a very skilled person, despite the young age (he is 21). In the percussion classes, he passes for the teenagers exercises with different rhythms, but we can see that he is not only developing their music skills, but also their self-esteem.





With the first amount of money we bought some necessary equipment for the workshops and classes, such as white-boards, buckets, drumsticks, and now we are aiming higher in making a simple but beautiful landscape project for our outdoor areas and the soccer field, and further a new street sign that shows for the neighborhood that we are here to stay!

We would like to invite you all to join us in prayer for more volunteers proposing activities and embracing the people with us. We ask God for perseverance, love and empathy. It's difficult to reach people when we are not able to understand their needs.

And this is how things are going here. Sometimes it seems to us we are going too slowly, but it is hard to move faster when all work depends on volunteers. On the other hand, we are sure that when we work with local communities, we should also respect the time of the people and do not push them too hard. Of course, above all, we want God's time guiding us.

Thank you for all prayers, support and care!  
God bless you all!

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