"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour." Ephesians 5:2

Dear family and friends,

It was an early morning when João (John) and Miguel (Mike) got up from bed to get ready. They did not want to arrive late at Haven of Hope, so they hurried.

John was very glad his mother had come back home a few days earlier after staying in rehabilitation for over 2 years. That morning, she told the twin brothers she was going to look for a job.



John and Mike at Haven of Hope

The twin brothers arrived at Haven of Hope that morning full of happiness and energy. That day they learned about John the Baptist. The twin named John thought it was neat to have the same name as the person who baptized Jesus and felt it was quite special.

Mike and John are 7 years old but have had a very hard life at such a young age. When they were born, their mother suffered from postpartum depression and afterward became involved with drugs; she has only recently become clean from all this. During this time, their sister Isabelle, who is 18, had been taking care of them. She did not like them calling her 'mother,' and she has been going through some crises herself, deciding what gender she "identifies as/with" a lot of confusion.

Going back home that day, the twins thought it was strange that their mom did not come to get them and that their father was home early. It turns out that their mother had once again run away from home; in the past week, they found out she is involved once again with drug addiction.

John has been heartbroken, and Mike is now quiet; the smiles and energy that once filled their hearts seem to have gone away.


Bible lesson at Haven of Hope

Both boys continue coming to Haven of Hope, memorizing Bible verses and learning about Jesus's love for them.

Many times working with these kids we face hard situations that are out of our control; all we can do is show God's Love and teach these kids the way of eternal life with God.

Please pray for Mike and John: that their mother may come back home and be restored; for their sister Isabelle to see clearly that God created her and loves her as she is; And for the boys' father a hardworking man who needs to know the Lord as his Savior has been showing more interest in the Gospel through the verses the boys bring back home.







July VBS 2024

Thank you for praying and giving towards the VBS (**V**acation **B**ible **S**chool). It was a great blessing! The kids learned about Jonah and how the salvation comes from the Lord! The Gospel was shared in many different ways to the kids.

A mother of one of the kids came to participate during the second day. She was amazed in the care, love and attention that was given to the kids and wants to start coming in the next activities we have! Carmen also had a great talk with Isabela, a girl who came to Haven of Hope in 2021 and continues coming to Kids Club. She understood she is a sinner and already asked for God's forgiveness, but sometimes she has a lot of doubts about if she is really forgiven. She is 12 years old. Please pray for her and her family.

We also continue having the Kids Club and the mothers Club where Carmen has an opportunity to share the Bible with the mothers.



Men's group Andrew is helping start

Andrew is helping start a men's group at our local church and it has been a blessing to see the interaction that is being created and the opportunities to share the biblical role of men in a Christ centered family. Please be praying for this ministry that is being started, many obstacles and challenges to be overcome!

Blessings,

Andrew, Carmen, Rebeka, Timothy and Deborah Pereira

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Pray with us — Andrew, Carmen, Rebeka, Timotheo and Deborah — Brazil — August 2024

1. Mike and John, that the Lord may bring restoration to their lives and home.
2. Wisdom and persistence for Andrew starting the men's group at our local church.
3. The Word of God, taken to the homes by the Bible verses the kids memorize, to bring transformation.