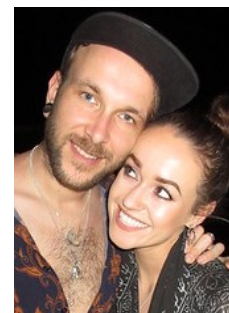




Whirlwind Missions Outreach Update



Hello, my friends!

I just got home from Brazil! I had a fantastic time with friends there from all over the world. I have been studying Portuguese for nine months and was amazed at how well I could communicate with my new Brazilian friends.



One of my favorite sites was Christ the Redeemer standing on the mountain overlooking Rio. It reminded me of my trip to Israel when Jesus stood on the mountain across from Jerusalem and said how he wished he could gather the Israelites in his arms.



Brazil is such an beautiful country, but it's problems seem overwhelming. One of my new friends is Leo. He used to be a SWAT police officer. He told me shocking things.

"You won't believe this," was a phrase Leo used a lot.

"When you kill someone here, the judge will say, 'Since it's only your first offence, we'll let you off on this one.'"

"For murder?"

"Yes."

"So I reckon the people in jail must have done some really bad things," I asked.

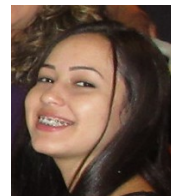
"Of course! Most have killed many, many people. Take a look at our prisons, you won't believe this."

He took at his phone and Googled, "Brazilian prisons."

"They have no idea how many people they even have there."

Leo had been in Special Operations investigating white collar crime, politicians stealing billions from the people. "Once we got too close, the judge, who we were also investigating, disbanded the investigation and separated all the officers. I was assigned to the airport. I like it better there. I feel safe now."

He continued to describe street crime at such a level that I couldn't believe it. All the locals were extremely wary of where they were at all times. The situation appears hopeless: widespread corruption at a government level plus violent street crime. But Jesus still stands, arms open, protecting and loving. I had many opportunities to share and pray with people there. Please pray for our country and the people of Brazil. We both need Jesus!



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