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Architect coming to ND!

We are extremely grateful to Spruce (see below) who in his determination to do more for ND, put us in touch with a **professional architect from Leven, Scotland called Bob Watts**, who has decided to come out and help us. Bob is not only paying his own travel expenses etc but also giving us his professional help at no cost to the Project.

Many of you may remember the paragraph we included in the June newsletter about our need for an architect. It is a real answer to prayer. **Thank you to Bob and Jeannette** who are giving up their time and money to help ND (see more in our next newsletter hopefully!)

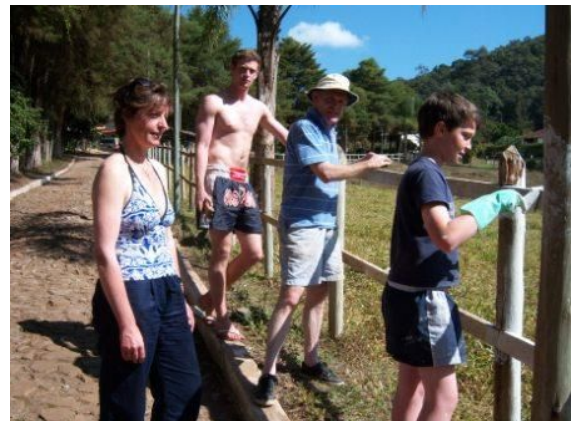
From different countries they come

Scotland: Spruce & Sonia Baillie



Spruce is an old school buddy of Morvens. He and Sonia were with us for the month of July. Poor Spruce felt really bad that he was not able to do much due to the fact that he was in a lot of pain and had to undergo 11 dental appointments and 8 physio sessions during the four weeks! However they still managed to finish painting the entrance fence, put up **Scottish, Brazilian and Dutch flags** around the playground (to represent our staff team), **help cook and clean** for the camps, and on various occasions **look after Fabio and Morvens little ones!** Know you are appreciated and missed.

England: Tom & Jo Gillum and four children



This family from London came to help us for a long weekend in July. They were wonderful, just fitting in to the ND family and so willing to get stuck in and help.

They transformed the first stretch of the farm entrance way by **sanding and painting the fence white**. It looks fantastic! The other great thing was that they brought the money to do the work, we couldn't have done it otherwise. The whole family took part in the weekend camp

services, **telling stories and teaching a song to the children.** It was a lot of fun and lasting friendships have been made!

From Holland: The Bais family



They came in mid-July for one month and **raised about R\$4,500** beforehand. Annemieke has a dance school and a **dance group called 'Precious'** back in Holland who danced specifically to raise money for New Destiny. Check out all the things we were able to do with this offering: erect a high fence behind each of the goals on our football pitch; make an outdoor grass volleyball / peteca court; build another rope bridge in the forest; buy some good quality sports equipment eg. a professional volley net, balls, nets for our goals (which we have never had before!); buy more life jackets and swimming pool floats; buy a couple of pieces of safety equipment for forest activities; buy another sun-lounger for the pool; buy and stock two small portable first aid kits for groups going into the forest and completely re-stock our main first aid kit.

Apart from this Alphons gave us a lot of **tips about safety and group instruction** (putting his army teaching experience to good use) and



busied away the whole time on the practical projects their fund-raising helped to pay for.

Annemieke is a trained nurse and so she and Michele gave us some **training in first aid for children with AIDS and HIV** just before we received our first ever group of children who have the virus (see photo of Michele and Annemieke below left.)

Staff news

Renan Oliveira joined the ND team a month ago and is already proving to be a great blessing to our work **directly with the children, and in farm and activity maintenance and development.** He



has been a personal friend of the Santos Family for about a year and before coming to ND he did a YWAM discipleship training course for five months in Goiás, Brazil.

We have discovered that Renan is a natural **storyteller.** He is skilled in capturing the attention of the children, both young and old, with his often self-invented stories and in doing so is able to teach them about Bible based values such as love, trust and hope. With Ted (our other gifted storyteller, being in the UK at the moment) his arrival has been very timely!

Ted & Deirdre Collington come back to Brazil at the end of October on tourist visas. They will stay until after Morven's baby is born and then

return to the UK to hopefully pick up their longer term visa!

You may remember us talking about **Waldir** in previous letters. He has just taken part in a leadership training course in Singapore. While he was away he did a lot of thinking and has decided to concentrate more on his studies for just now, instead of coming to work at ND. We wish him all the best and look forward to him coming to visit in the future!

Claire May from South Africa, is coming to help out for a couple of months at the start of October. More about Claire in the next newsletter.

Recent Donations

We received a specific offering given to the Centre enabling us to buy a **home theatre and data show projector**. It was donated for our work with the children but also for staff training and Bible School courses (part of our fund-raising effort in Brazil). We just need to buy a 'no break' now, because every time it rains here there is a risk of the lightning burning out the projector lamp and it would be very expensive to replace! **It costs £115 if anyone would like to give a donation specifically for this???**

Last month we received a gift of £500 in order to be able to make **our first batch of ND t-shirts!** We are currently trying to get the best deal and will let you know as soon as they are ready so you can put your orders in - we think you will like them!

The children

We continue to receive bookings and requests for more information about our work, from **Projects working with under-privileged children**

who have never been to ND before. We are already booked up to the end of January 2009.

However **we continue to need more monthly sponsors for the work**, not only so we can increase the number of camps we run next year, but in order to sustain the number we are already running! We have really suffered this year as a result of the **falling exchange rate**. If you would like to help, all you need to do is email our UK Rep Moira Gray, loriandmo.gray@virgin.net or me (Morven) at ndaventura@gmail.com and we can advise you how. Thanks.

A huge thanks to those of you who already do support the work. We really value the emails of encouragement, the donations, the prayers and our monthly sponsors who give so faithfully.



We recently received two groups from **Centro Alvorada**, a community centre in Belo Horizonte working with children in another of the city slums (favelas). In their first group there were 21 children between the ages of 11 and 13. Fernando (one of their monitors), told us that all of them live in **broken families torn apart by drug abuse**. A couple of weeks later the same Centre brought a younger group of children and this weekend we will be receiving their oldest teenagers, up to the age of 16. The Project leader commented on their application form, that **when they heard about ND the children were so excited that they sold raffle tickets and clothes which had been given to them as a**

government donation, to raise the money for the bus hire. For the majority, coming here is their first trip ever out of the city.

Two weekends ago we ran a camp for children from a local community centre, which we recently visited. One of their leaders Edna told us “most of the kids turn up at our community centre just to eat because they know they won’t get fed at home.” We are to receive another group of children from this Project at the end of September. Edna was so overcome by the great time the children had at ND that she broke down when thanking us on the last day. (See the website blog for more about this group.)

Last month we ran a camp for a residencial home in Belo (Casa Refúgio) where all the children have HIV or AIDS. The children take strong medicine every day which often causes horrible side effects such as extreme fatigue or vomiting. Carla (the house mother) told us that some of the children in the group were very ill recently and are just beginning to get better.



We noticed that by the end of each day, they were exhausted, but we were also amazed at their positive attitudes and the way they tackled the activities together, putting all their energy into them. It was encouraging for our team when Carla thanked us at the end of the camp and said that it had exceeded their expectations.

Many of the original children in the home, were not expected to live more than a couple of years, and fifteen years later, through much love and prayer, are still alive today and living full lives. We believe that knowing you are loved by the very one who created you, fills you with a hope which sustains and nourishes. It appears that when doctors have been unable to help these children, God has often stepped in and



had the last say!

The weekend was another step along the way for these precious little ones, an injection of love, hope and joy.

Keeping up

Don't forget our ND group on *Facebook* (those of you who are into that!) And please spread the word about our website where ND News is regularly updated on the blog page www.ndaventura.org

New Destiny UK Trust

We want to thank our **New Destiny UK Trust** for continuing to support us in so many ways, coordinating all financial support from the UK (which continues to be the biggest part of our ND income); fund-raising; encouraging us; promoting the work in the UK; giving us wise counsel and advice and praying for us. A huge thank you goes out from us to the chairman of

our board, **Lorimer Gray**, board members **Ed Metcalfe** and **Andrew Marrian**, and to **Moira Gray**, our UK Rep, for their continued dedication, love and support.

If you pray, please pray for:

- **The New Destiny Trust (UK)** – for wisdom as they give us advice and promote ND, and for much blessing over each member and their families
- For the excellent work of the **Abernethy Trust** at the Abernethy, Ardeonaig, Ardgour and Barcaple Christian Outdoor Centres in Scotland (Lorimer, our New Destiny UK chairman, is executive director of the Abernethy Trust, and Andrew also works full time at the Abernethy Outdoor Centre) – for the continued development of the work of the Abernethy Trust and for much blessing over all staff members
- **Luisa, Doraci, Ted and Deirdire** – for renewed health and strength
- **Renan**, (our new member of staff) – for monthly supporters as he doesn't have any yet
- **Claire May** – volunteer (friend of Fabio and Morven's) arriving in October for a few months
- **Bob Watts** (the architect coming to help us soon!)

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