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In our last letter, we shared with you that we were able to purchase the storefront next to our church for the purpose of opening a **youth center**. We would love for you to visit our website ([click here](#)) and watch the video we have just posted about this. We apologize in advance for the quality of the video. At the moment, it is the best our technology and talent have to offer – but we hope that it still portrays our vision for this space and how you can get involved. We would ask for you to pray for three specific things concerning this space.

1. That we would receive our tax-exempt status **paperwork** back from the government. This same paper for our current church building took 6 months to obtain. It has now been 5.
2. We need to raise **\$15,000** to outfit the building. This includes flooring, walls, ceiling as well as furniture and technology, all the way down to the board games. Of course we have items prioritized.
3. Pray for kids! We are already praying for the kids we will reach through this space. We realize that, in this culture, the only way we are going to be able to build leadership in our church is by reaching the **next generation**.

God has greatly blessed our ministry and us personally since the beginning of this year. We'd like to share a few of those things with you.

- We were able to purchase the storefront next door to our church.
- Winter camp went well. We took at least 2 unsaved kids and had a great time.
- Beau has been taking guitar lessons and is progressing very well. He will be playing for summer camp this year.
- Owen had a minor surgery, which went well, and has fully recovered from it.
- Owen's follow-up appointment with the cardiologist revealed that all of their concerns had resolved themselves since his nicu stay.
- Avery has learned Portuguese very well at her preschool and is excited to start American kindergarten in the fall.

- Our friendships with several English students have progressed. We have even received dinner and birthday party invitations and several ladies have R.S.V.P.-ed that they will be in attendance at our ladies' meeting this Saturday!
- Our Easter service was well-attended with many participating in the play and special music. The lyrics to the children's song, "Rolled Away" prompted the theme for our service and are as follows in Portuguese:

ROLLED AWAY, ROLLED AWAY, ROLLED AWAY.  
THE STONE FROM THE TOMB HAS ROLLED AWAY.  
MY LORD ROSE AGAIN AND WENT UP TO HEAVEN.

**HALLELUJAH!**

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Our "ressurrection garden" was surrounded by Cinnamon Rolls with signs saying "Rolled Away" and even Avery (age 4) sang, then played this song on the handbells. All in all, we had a wonderful celebration Sunday! We are blessed.



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