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**Dear friends,** the last few weeks have seen restrictions ease and so I have been able to get out and about more. I was able to visit Jhonatan, Janderson and Jamile who are still in the children's home and are waiting for social services to do a visit to their mum's home before they can return. Please pray that this happens soon. They have now been in the home for over a year and they are desperate to get back to their mum. On the same day I was also able to go and see Juliana who I mentioned in my last letter. It was good to be able to touch base and have an opportunity to chat. I was encouraged by how she testified to God's help during difficulties and to see evidence of her choosing to run to God. Please pray that she would stand firm in the difficulties she faces and remain faithful to God. I was also able to have some of the teens from Creative Hands over for a sleep over. It was so good to be able to touch base with them again and was grateful for good conversations and opportunities to encourage them in the gospel.

**ICEV** – Evangelism in the park has started back up and I have also started meeting with Emanuel and Caleb again. Their mum, Mary, recently moved to the south of Brazil after receiving an offer of work. The plan is for the boys to join her once she is settled but currently remain here with their father. We recently were able to surprise Emanuel with a little party for his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please pray that I would be faithful in pointing them to the hope we have in Christ. After a number of weeks of just transmitting the Sunday service online we are reopening church with 50% capacity. Please continue to pray for unity and wisdom as we seek to navigate this and particularly as we plan for the next members meeting. Discipleship group and English group continue and now happen in person with some continuing to participate via zoom. Please do pray that I would deepen relationship with each teen and therefore be able to speak the gospel more specifically into each of their situations.

**Teens Rondon** – Thanks so much for your prayers. God has answered them. We have seen an influx of teens the last two weeks and the group has grown from 3 to 10. Despite living close by they didn't know each other - so it has been great seeing them making friends and interacting together but the biggest joy is more teens to hear about how awesome Jesus is. Please continue to pray that God would be at work in their lives.

### Give thanks for:

Opportunity to visit Jhonatan and co and Juliana.  
Answered prayer with the Rondon teens.  
Another completed CCEF module and all I have learnt.  
Time spent with the teens from Creative Hands.

### Pray for:

That they would be able to return to their mum.  
MICEB conference - wisdom in decision making.  
Return to in person church – unity and wisdom.  
God to work in the teens through his word.



Janderson, Jhonatan, Jamile



Emanuel's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday



Creative Hands teens



Rondon Bible study.

**MICEB**- Since Paula has left I have taken over her role as coordinator of UFM. Please do pray for us as a board that we would have wisdom as we seek to tie up loose ends before MICEB is nationalised at the end of the year. We have a zoom conference coming up from the 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May.

**CCEF**- I recently finished my latest module and am super grateful for all that God has taught me and the blessing that CCEF has been. I am due to start Counselling problems and procedures in the next week or so. Please pray that I would be diligent in my studies and that it would enable me to minister more effectively.



"Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." Mark 5v19.