



▶ How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" - Is 52:7

Redeeming Recife

telling the next generation

Alciane was one of the first fruits of the mission effort here. In the early 1980's she became a Christian while still a teenager. A few years later, she met and married Ricardo, also one of the first members of the church in Recife. God blessed their union with a fine son and daughter. Their children grew up and married. Alciane and Ricardo became proud grandparents. Life was wonderful!

Then tragedy struck. Three years ago, Alciane was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia. We watched her weaken as she continued to come to church wearing a white surgical mask as she underwent chemotherapy and medulla transplants.

As the disease wore on, her hair fell out and she lost weight and energy. But she never lost her faithful confidence that God was in control. She was an encouragement to all who witnessed her ordeal. The whole church prayed and prayed for her, but in my heart, I

felt God planned to take her. Last year, much to our relief, God granted her a complete remission. She has completely regained her health and strength.

What did she decide to do with her "new lease on life"? On their own initiative at the end of last year, she and Ricardo, started a ministry with the youth in their neighborhood. Many of these come from poor, one-parent homes with little or no opportunity for healthy activities and friendships. Many fall into drugs and crime as they grow up. Alciane and Ricardo try to spend time with them every week, like taking them to the beach or a soccer game. During these outings, they have a Bible devotional where they tell these young people about Jesus' love for them and the purpose He has for their life.

Some of these began coming to church with them. Some of their parents started attending as well. Last month four of these

young people turned their lives over to Jesus. All praise be to Him!

She calls it "Project Future" because *that's what Jesus wants these kids to have*. Please remember Alciane and Ricardo and this ministry in your prayers.

...THAT YOU MAY TELL OF THEM TO THE NEXT GENERATION. FOR THIS GOD IS OUR GOD FOR EVER AND EVER; HE WILL BE OUR GUIDE EVEN TO THE END.

— Ps 48:13b-14 •



Alciane & Ricardo



Pedro, 14, puts on Christ.



The kids enjoy some healthy fun playing in a pool.



Afterwards, along with their parents, a message of Hope.