



CHILDREN'S PRAYER GUIDE

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São Paulo Brazil is the seventh largest city in the world. Almost 20 million people live there. That's a lot of people! But many of those people are also very poor. Many children and teenagers live on the streets. Sometimes they leave home because their home is not safe. Sometimes their parents cannot afford to take care of them. Certain areas of the city are controlled by people who sell illegal drugs. Children who live in these areas see a lot of violence and criminal activity.

But JEAME is helping children in Brazil. JEAME means "Jesus loves children," and the volunteers who work with JEAME share God's love with children and teenagers living on the streets of São Paulo. Once a month JEAME volunteers walk through the favelas (or slums) of São Paulo and pray for the children and teenagers they meet. They bring hot meals to children living on the streets. They go to the prisons to tell teenagers in prison about Jesus. They give children safe places to stay and help them get an education. JEAME shows the children of Sao Paulo how much God loves them.



MEET RIAN

Rian is 15 years old. He does not live with his family or go to school. Instead he lives on the street and spends time with other teenagers who also live on the street. A year ago he met some people from JEAME. Now he goes to some of the programs and classes JEAME offers.

Rian's favorite game is soccer. He also likes to play Connect 4 with the volunteers at the JEAME ministry center. People in Brazil eat a lot of rice and beans, and Rian says his favorite foods are rice, beans, and French fries. But most days Rian just eats whatever he can find or what people give him to eat. His favorite song is a song called "Ressuita Me." The song tells the story of how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. It also talks about how Jesus gives people new life and renews their dreams.

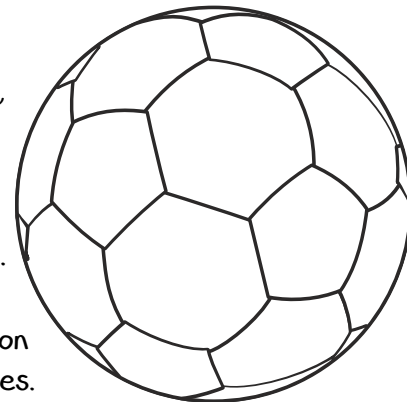


HOW TO PRAY:

- Pray that children like Rian will make good choices and not use illegal drugs or other substances that can hurt their minds and their bodies.
- Pray that children who live on the street will know how much God loves them and choose to follow Jesus.
- Some of the places where JEAME volunteers work are very violent and unsafe. Pray God will protect the volunteers and keep them and the children safe.
- Pray that children who live on the streets will have safe places to sleep and a chance to get an education.

HANDS-ON PRAYER CHALLENGE: MAKE A SOCCER BALL

Did you know that what Americans call soccer, other countries call football? Football (soccer) is the most popular game in Brazil. Brazil's football team is very good and has won the World Cup five times.



That's a record! Brazil is also the only country whose football team has played in every World Cup tournament.

Children in Brazil love to play soccer, but in the favelas or slums, many children can't afford their own soccer ball. They make their own balls out of whatever they can find, like socks rolled up and stuffed with paper or plastic bags they wad up and tie together. What could you use to make a soccer ball? Use things from around your home like newspaper, tape, or plastic bags to make a soccer ball. Play a game of soccer using your ball. After your game, pray for children living on the streets in São Paulo. Pray God will keep them safe and that they will choose to follow Jesus.

TRY A BRAZILIAN FOOD: BEANS & RICE

Brazilians eat a lot of beans and rice. Many people eat beans and rice every day for lunch—and even for dinner! You and your family can make beans and rice at home, too. Take a pound of black beans and pour them in a bowl. Sort through the beans to take out any pebbles or pieces of dirt, then rinse the beans and cover them with water. Let them soak overnight. The next day, cook the beans on the stove for about two-and-a-half hours. After the beans are done cooking, chop up an onion and sauté it with some garlic and your favorite meat like ground beef, sausage, or bacon. Stir the cooked onion, garlic, and meat into the beans. Add a bay leaf and let the beans simmer for another 30 minutes or until the beans are soft. Serve them over cooked rice. You may want add a little salsa, salt and pepper, or chopped cilantro to your beans. Enjoy the taste of Brazil!