

Pelotas, September 15th, 2014

Cheers to all Norwegian friends,

we are glad to share with you a bit of what is happening here in Pestano. The Vida Plena Program is moving forward as we planned to this year, what make us motivated to keep on.

As we mentioned in the latest letter, we have started a percussion workshop with recycled materials. In this project, we work with teenagers in weekly meetings, aiming to develop in them musical skills, ability to make their own instruments and environmental conscience in using alternative materials, among others objectives. At this moment we have ten teenagers participating, and the workshop is taught by one of our volunteers, which is also a music student.

We are also starting a handcrafts course called "*Learning patchcollage*". Is intended for women, and at the moment we have eight participants. The objective is make the course as an space to share experiences, dreams, learn with each other and build relationships.

Besides the projects, we are working on the organization and improvement of our headquarters of the Community Center, where our activities take place.

In August 23rd and 24th, we organized and hosted and event to share our experiences and dreams with our local church, talking about our vision and motivating everyone to join with us in the work in Pestano. It was a two-day meeting, with biblical meditation about integral mission and community development, where we also took a walk through the neighborhood and presented our Community Center to the participants. In one of the afternoons, we made a practical workshop where every group of five to six people should contribute to the program, developing an idea of project for Pestano that would manifest signs of the Kingdom of God to the neighborhood.

We are focused at this moment in get more volunteers willing to contribute in the development of our existing and new projects. We are looking also for partnerships in the local neighborhood, such as schools, medical centers, social reference centers that share the same interests that us.

We appreciate all support and care that you have shown for us and for the mission of God here in Pestano. May God bless you all!

Yours sincerely,

Vida Plena Program Team

