

### Feliz Natal

Dear Friends, Collaborators, Godfathers, I have always said that doing good is difficult. Every time that we think to make a progress, we instead notice the immense shortage that surrounds us, a shortage of economic resources, including our own, a shortage of people capable of changing the lives of other people and a shortage of institutions that can bring work and dignity to people. We are quite alone.

I see a country, Brazil, where I have lived for the past 27 years made up of the immense drug trafficking, the great unemployment, the many illiterates, especially young people, who cannot do a math count and the abandoned elderly who die alone. The "San Michele", our mission, becomes small in the face of so many needs. This sadness has always accompanied me in seeing so much pain, without being able to do much for everyone. We welcomed 3-year-old Valentina into our mission and then we discovered that her younger brother also lived abandoned at home because her mother spent all her time on the streets looking for drugs. So we welcomed him too, but when we thought the drama was over we visited their shack and we found another little girl, over a year old, malnourished, her eyes lost looking for a familiar look. How many needs in a single room, in a single family ... And then the story of Mr. Franklin, found abandoned in a bed, paralyzed, deaf and blind and when he arrived in the mission, after I don't know how many years without taking a bath, a benefactor told me: you can't do almost anything for him, he's dying. It's true but we can still Love him, it's the only thing that remains immortal in the heart.



A few days later he died. In his place we welcomed Mr. Jorge, without legs, kind and always in a good mood, of whom you can see a photo on the side. Dear friends, I have always believed in eternal life, in Christ's promise, and in the certainty that the poors are already saved because of their suffering. We need the charity shown to them to make our life worth living too. I tell you sad stories to let you know how important the mission is, your effort together with ours and understand how nice it is to have in life the sincere opportunity to help, to make a difference. Let's remember on Christmas night that the greatest gift we can give someone is the certainty of being loved... everything else is superfluous. In addition to our warmest Christmas greetings, I would very much like to renew the request to allow the mission to have your telephone contact so that we can, from time to time, send you news of your child. A hug to all of you from the whole mission, from the children and grandparents and from me in particular, and I hope to see you soon.

Un abbraccio a tutti voi dall'intera missione, dai bambini e nonni e da me in particolare, e spero poter vedervi presto.

Marco Roberto Bertoli.

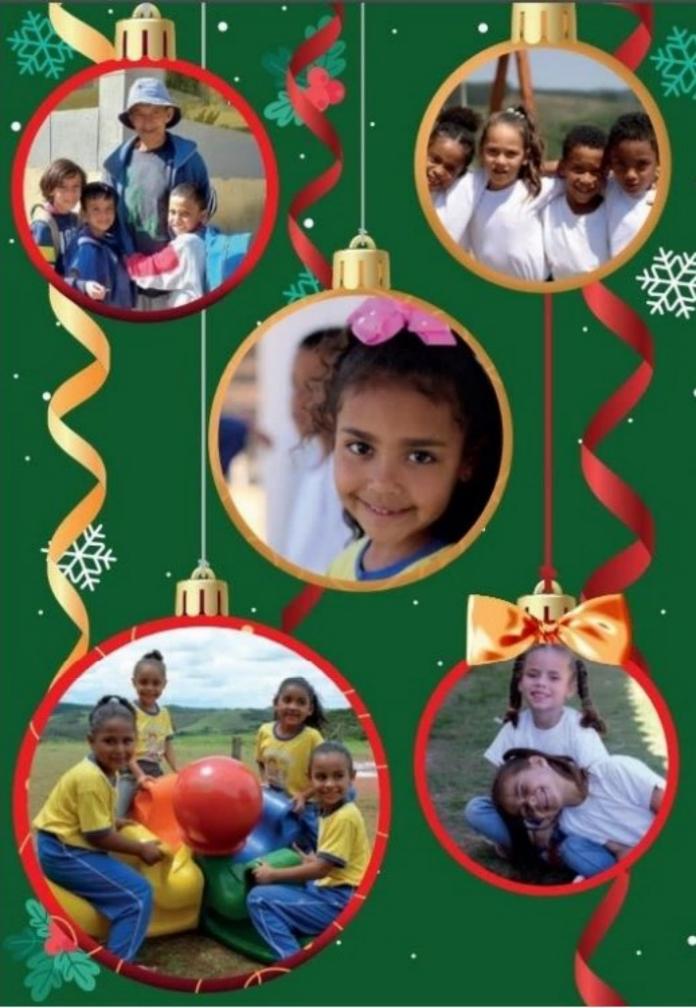
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