

South America Prayer Guide

There appeared to be no hope for families living in the drug-infested slums of São Paulo, Brazil.

As COVID-19 ravaged the community, most children were going to bed hungry. Their parents and grandparents were dying, but no one seemed to care. Due to extensive lockdowns, day laborers were unable to work even if they were healthy, and no work meant no food.

Southern Baptist partners in the region used Global Hunger Relief funds to feed 2,000 people by distributing more than 400 food baskets to the most vulnerable families in this hurting community. As the smiling, national Baptist youth entered the slums distributing much-needed food, they were able to share the love of Jesus.

A local doctor who was part of their team not only taught the recipients how to prevent further COVID transmission, but they also shared the locations of nearby shelters where the sick could get food and medical attention. Local government officials also asked the youth volunteers to distribute donated N95 masks as they went house to house with food parcels.

Seeing God's love in action meeting practical and pressing needs gave these families timely encouragement. In response to receiving the Global Hunger Relief food baskets, many accepted Christ as their Savior, and over 120 online spiritual foundation classes were started for those seeking God. The whole community and their leaders were left amazed and filled with gratitude that someone cared enough for their neighbors to come and save them from starvation.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for South Americans as they struggle with food insecurity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Pray for day laborers who have suddenly lost their jobs and cannot provide their families.
- Pray for our partners as they minister to those who are most vulnerable to malnutrition.
- Pray that new believers will find a local church and will grow in their newly found faith.
- Pray that future Global Hunger Relief projects in South America will be fruitful and effective in meeting needs and sharing the gospel.