

REPORT TO MAD – 2025

Hello, dear MAD board. I hope you are all doing well. We thank God for your existence and for your generosity towards FAD. We are grateful for all the care and dedication you show us! May the Lord continue to reward each one of you.

FAD currently serves 136 children and adolescents: 79 children attend from Monday to Wednesday, while 57 adolescents participate on Thursdays. In addition, we offer three guitar classes on Mondays and Thursdays, as well as four English classes on Saturdays with approximately 40 students. There are still about 60 children and adolescents on our waiting list, most of whom prefer the morning shift. During this second semester, we welcomed many new students, though unfortunately, some also left FAD for different reasons. Our team is made up of 30 volunteers across various areas of need, along with 3 full-time staff members.

We started the year by accepting an invitation from the technical school in Campina Grande (SENAI) to participate in a teachers' event. During this time, our students received new pairs of shoes and were very excited to be part of the experience.



(Note: SENAI stands for Serviço Nacional de Aprendizagem Industrial, or National Service for Industrial Training. This clarification was added by me, as it does not appear in the original Portuguese text.)

We also took our teenage volunteers, who serve and support the mission with the children, on a trip to the mall. This was our way of rewarding them for their dedication to our institution. Each volunteer received a voucher to purchase something of their choice, and afterward, we shared a meal together



To start our school year, we held a teacher training week with the theme *Active Methodologies and Participatory Learning*, led by educational psychologist Denize Santos. These sessions provided valuable opportunities for learning and reflection, all aimed at improving the quality of teaching for our children and adolescents.



We also held our first parents' meeting, aligning needs and expectations for the year. The partnership of families with FAD is very important.



At the beginning of February, we held our Vacation Bible School (VBS) with about 150 children enrolled. We had two days of fun, praise, and worship to the Lord. We welcomed the music group *Força e Vitória*.



In March, we hosted an outreach event in celebration of International Women's Day with women from the community and the mothers of our children and adolescents. We offered various services such as manicures, ophthalmology, dentistry, and hairdressing, and we also organized raffles with gifts and prizes for the women.



We also took our children to the pool for a special outing, which they absolutely loved.



In April, we held the 3rd Reunion with former soccer players. It was an evening full of reflection and emotion. Each reunion provides a chance to revisit cherished memories and reconnect with dear friends. Around 30 men attended, making it a truly memorable night.



In April, we also held a major event celebrating the 20th anniversary of the FAD. About 500 people attended in a public street. It was a memorable evening filled with emotion. We had the pleasure of having Jessica Sellers with us, participating in this beautiful moment.



During the same month, we made several visits with Jessica Sellers, representing MAD, to the homes of some children and adolescents. These strategic visits highlighted the fact that the families face very challenging and modest living conditions.



We held our Easter celebration, highlighting God's love for us through the gift of His only Son for all humanity. It was a very reflective day, and our children were deeply touched by the gospel.



We also held a sleepover with about 60 children. It was a night full of fun and worship. On this occasion, we had the **“Crazy Hair Night”** (*this means the children were encouraged to be creative with their hairstyles. This note is added by me, as it is not in the original text*). The children loved coming to FAD in their pajamas and having the chance to spend the night at the center with the teachers. They played games, watched movies, enjoyed snacks, and participated in devotionals. This was a very special event for everyone involved.



We also hosted a Mother's Day Tea, an afternoon dedicated to honoring and valuing the strong women who work tirelessly for the well-being of their children and families. The event included worship songs, lectures, a delicious snack for everyone, and gifts.



In May, we always take our children to a local animal exhibition, an event they eagerly anticipate each year. There are exhibitions of oxen, rabbits, fish, goats, and more. This close contact with animals is both educational and delightful for the children.



In June, we held our end-of-semester celebration, where parents could enjoy presentations showcasing everything the children had learned and worked on during the semester. For the first semester of the year, our theme was *Noah's Ark*. The children had the opportunity to learn about faith, obedience, the value of family, and God's care. They did a beautiful job!



Also in June, we held our end-of-semester gathering and celebrated birthdays. We took the children and adolescents to the pool. They loved being celebrated and enjoyed playing and having fun with their friends.



In August, we held a special service in celebration of Father's Day. It was a great opportunity to reach out and share the Gospel with the fathers of our children and teens. We often face challenges getting dads involved in our activities, as moms tend to participate more. Next year, we're planning to try something more sports-focused—like a soccer game—to help draw more fathers in to hear God's Word. Even so, the service was a real blessing, and we had a wonderful turnout.



In September, we held a service titled *Miracles*, which was inspired by our children's and teens' project, The Miracles of Jesus. On that day, we were blessed to have Sister Ataissa with us, who shared her powerful testimony and the miracles God has done in her life.



In October, we received an invitation from a private school in the Campina to take all of our children for a very special afternoon. They had a wonderful time, and some of them received the gifts they had always dreamed of. We are very grateful for the warm welcome. This event brought together around 400 children from the city, coming from various social projects.



We also held our Teachers' Day celebration. It was an evening of honor and gratitude for each servant who has been dedicated to teaching the Word of God to our children.



Still in October, we welcomed the team from the Lidia Project, from the church of Esdras and Cristina, for a special Children's Day program. During this time, our children sang, danced, and listened to the Word of God.



To close the month of October, we hosted our Women's Tea, focused on breast cancer prevention. We welcomed many women for a meaningful afternoon filled with sharing, reflection, care, and love. On this occasion, we were joined by psychologist and missionary Fabiane.



At the beginning of November, from the 7th to the 9th, we held our ACAMPTEENS 2025. We took approximately 70 teenagers and 30 volunteers to Manian Camp, a location kindly provided by the church of Esdras and Cristina. To help cover the costs of the event and to teach the teens responsibility, we organized a raffle fundraiser. These were three deeply edifying days, filled with God's grace and love. We had the opportunity to share Christ with each of them. They played games, had fun, and enjoyed every moment. We also hosted a very special gala dinner. It was an intentional time and setting designed to help them feel welcomed, valued, and special to God.



We held our final celebration with the theme *Miracles of Jesus*. Parents and guardians were invited to see all the crafts made by the children and to watch the presentations they prepared about what they learned throughout the semester (July to November). It was a very emotional morning, filled with gratitude to God for the fruit of the children's learning.



At the end of November, we held a fellowship gathering for our volunteer team. It was a time of sharing, fun, and gratitude to God and to each person for the beautiful work carried out throughout the year. Unfortunately, not everyone was able to join us.



At the beginning of December, we held our fellowship gatherings with the kids and teens and celebrated their second-semester birthdays. We took the children to a city park, which they loved. They played freely and had a wonderful time. The teenagers went to a swimming pool near FAD. They truly enjoyed their time. It was a very special day of celebration and farewell. Each one of them is very special to FAD.



To conclude our 2025 activities, we held our Christmas presentation with the theme *The Story of a King*. Our children sang and shared the true meaning of Christmas: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It was a very special and emotional afternoon. In this way, we brought the year to a close, praising the One who is worthy of all honor and glory.





Every Saturday afternoon, we hold our soccer project for the children and teens. The boys absolutely love it. They look forward to Saturdays all week just to get out on the field! Natalya and Clara coordinate this project. Before each match, we have a short devotional and a time of prayer. We currently have an average of about 35 boys participating.



At the beginning of the year, we also launched a discipleship group for women that meets every other Friday with some of the mothers. These meetings are a time for prayer, Bible study, and sharing life's struggles together. The gatherings have been such a blessing. We ask for prayer as we hope to reach even more women and see God working in the families of our children and teens.



Challenges faced 2025:

- ➔ The period from April to September was a very challenging time for FAD's leadership and team. With João and Camila away due to a disciplinary process, we had to reorganize and reassign their responsibilities among other team members. But thanks to our faithful God, FAD continued its work with excellence. We are grateful for your continued prayers! It was a difficult season, but also one full of growth and learning.

- Thanks to God, we have completed all the documentation for our building. We now have the official certificate that allows us to occupy the building. Unfortunately, we went through a lot of bureaucracy. It was necessary to tear down one of the walls and build a new one because it was overlapping 30 cm onto the neighboring property. We had to redo all the building plans. We spent more than 25,000 reais on this process, including reimbursements, architectural projects, labor, and materials.
- We're currently facing some challenges in the process of purchasing the land next to FAD. Unfortunately, the property's documentation is not yet legal. The title is still in the name of the original owner, who has passed away. Several legal steps must be completed before we can finalize the purchase. It's been a very bureaucratic process, but we're working closely with notaries and attorneys to resolve it.
- At the beginning of the year, we hired Jakeline to work full-time. She was an incredible support for FAD, bringing many skills to the classroom, event setups, and the kitchen, and also serving as part of the board. Whenever we needed cakes for our celebrations, for example, she would make them, helping us save money for FAD. As a staff member, she managed multiple classes, which reduced the need for three or four different volunteers and the challenges and expenses that came with that. Unfortunately, at the end of the year, she had to leave her full-time position after receiving a better offer from her previous employer. She will continue to support FAD as a volunteer for two afternoons each week.
- We experienced a lot of instability with our team this year. There were many staff changes, which was challenging for both our work and the children. We invited a new volunteer, Geane, to join the cleaning team. Dona Márcia was working all day, and we were concerned about her workload as well as labor-related issues.
- Unfortunately, we lost Daiana and Sonaly, leaving two classes without teachers. To fill the gap, we brought in a new teacher, Elisângela, to replace Daiana, and Nilda, who was already teaching the pre-teen group, took over Sonaly's class. Sadly, Elisângela did not stay with us. We also lost our English coordinator.

Challenges for 2026:

- We ask for prayers for a new discipleship project for the *Mães Experiências da Mesa* (Mothers' Table Experiences). This project is more complex to implement and aims to provide guidance, listening, and sharing through a table-based setting. It will take place once a week, using fully set tables and various activities. Cristina hopes to implement this project at FAD for the women. The project requires a significant investment, as it needs a lot of tableware (plates, cups, cutlery, glasses, tablecloths, curtains, and more) to run the activities. We estimate it would cost around 5,000 reais.
- We also would like to hire Adriana full-time. She is currently FAD's educational coordinator. With her working full time, she could take on some classes and greatly help the daily operations of FAD, alongside João and Cris, especially since Jakeline and

Camila are no longer available as they were before, and both had been very proactive with us.

- Camila will be on maternity leave for a few months, and someone else will need to take over her responsibilities. She is an excellent employee, very organized and highly valuable to FAD. There is a possibility that she may not return as a staff member, as she needs to focus on caring for her children. We are exploring the best solution for both her and FAD. Perhaps she could return only as a volunteer, with a significantly reduced schedule. She has been quite anxious about this possibility, as she loves FAD and does not want to see herself only as a stay-at-home mom. She truly enjoys working. Please pray for her and for this process.
- Next year, FAD will be adjusting to some changing needs. Starting next semester, our teens will be attending school full-time, which means we would lose about 30 teens (we already lost 15 this year). To continue supporting them, we will adjust our schedule. Beginning in February, children will attend Monday through Thursday, adding an extra day to their schedule, and on Saturdays, we will host all the adolescents. We will also make some adjustments to the English, soccer, and guitar classes, as well as to volunteer schedules, since some volunteers will need to help on additional days.
- We also plan to purchase a sound system at the beginning of the year. Our events have grown significantly, often bringing together 250–300 people, including children and teens. Currently, we only have one small amplified speaker and must borrow equipment from Esdras's church for larger events. The investment would be approximately 6,000–8,000 reais.
- Finally, we hope to fully follow our annual calendar.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Joana Tais's father: He has suffered several strokes, is bedridden, often confused, and may be developing dementia. Please pray for his healing and for strength for the family, who are exhausted and going through a difficult time.
- Please pray for the new family that has been formed: João and Camila, and their children, Guilherme and Heitor.
- Pray for Thiaguinho, Rosa's son: Rosa continues to seek a better quality of life for him. Her dream is for him to one day have his tracheostomy removed so he can speak. Thiago, who has Down syndrome, just turned 11 and is truly a miracle. He has already overcome many challenges.
- Pray for the family of Charles Miguel: Charles, one of our students, passed away on July 21 at only 10 years old. He was a kind, polite, and helpful child. His mother is deeply grieving and in great need of comfort and prayer. It was a sudden, unexplained death, and even after medical investigations, no cause was found. Our children were also deeply affected by this loss. At the end of this year, the family also lost Charles's grandmother, who was also the grandmother of Vitor Miqueias, and Davi Gabriel. Charles's sisters

became very ill as well; they both developed pneumonia and were hospitalized, and their father lost his job. The family is going through a very unstable and difficult time. FAD offered psychological support to their mother, as she is struggling to cope.

- ➔ Please pray for our children and their families, asking the Lord to bless them and bring transformation and salvation to their homes.
- ➔ Please pray for our team and board. As we enter the final two years of our term, we ask the Lord for a renewal of strength and wisdom to face all the challenges ahead.

“The generous soul will prosper, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”
Proverbs 11:25

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