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# Carizimi.

I bring you good news, gracias a Deus! Thanks to the help received at the end of the year we were able to fully resume activities and accept a greater number of children who had been waiting for the opportunity to enter the mission for a long time (photos 1 and 2). Today we welcome 600 children and adolescents, as well as elderly guests. The largest number of new children entering is in nursery school, starting from two years of age, so we have gone from 150 to 200 children welcomed (photos 3 and 4). Even the new arrivals come from the same realities that you know well by now: violence, rape, abandonment and always a lot of hunger.

Unfortunately our current space is not sufficient and we are building a new pavilion to better organize the activities. You know that for many years we have been committed to the redemption of each child, a complex commitment because each one requires a personalized approach... the path to recovery is very difficult and involves many activities, many dialogues and many reflections on what we need to change or let go of.

Among the activities that have lifted the spirits of many young people in recent months, the martial art ju-jitsu is perhaps the most surprising. In the last regional championship our children, from the youngest to the oldest, won in all categories, many of them against older and more experienced opponents (photo 6); they fought with their hearts, perhaps out of a great need for redemption and to demonstrate to those who believe that they are worth nothing because they have nothing, that willpower always prevails... the youngest, David, fought without our knowledge with a broken finger...and he won! (photo 5).

Soon we will also begin the expansion works on the elderly people's home with the help of a Brazilian company (photos 7 and 8). Will update you in the coming months. For now, as an Easter wish, I hug you tightly on behalf of the entire "Saint Michael the Archangel" family, sharing with you the greatest joy for us believers: Jesus has truly risen and conquered death.  
A big hug.

Marco Roberto Bertoli

