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A *pathway* out of *poverty* through
quality *education* and *training*

Results and Relationship

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In Brazil, elections are also coming and so is the World Cup!

Dear Friend,

AUTOGRAPHS OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS

Ruth and I were recently involved in a fundraising event where a raffle was held. The grand prize in the raffle was this picture frame representing a scholarship for one student at The University of Life.

The frame had beautiful pictures in it and the signatures of all of the students at the project. As we presented the prize I started to think about its value.



Imagine if somewhere on that frame was the signature of a future Brazilian president, Nobel peace prize winner, breakthrough scientist or world famous entrepreneur? Its value would be multiplied several times.

In God's eyes the value of our signatures never change, He knows and loves us from start to eternity, no matter who we are or what we do.

Everyday, and with every child at The University of Life, we are raising the value of children in Brazil.

It's with your help and partnership each month that the un-noticed, under-privileged and un-loved are being nurtured and encouraged so that they can grow and blossom into... well... who knows?

Thanks for being part of it!

Marc Marques

RECENTLY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LIFE



A student becomes a teacher...

...as Daniele starts a new english class



A new Sunday morning activity for all kids:



children's church

Action in a fearful community

In Brazil's slum communities there is a lack of so many basic things that we in England take for granted. Children go to school not knowing whether the teacher will show up, what they will eat that day or whether their parents will even come home that night. Wherever there is so much uncertainty, fear and insecurity thrive in a child's life.

Imagine how different your children would be if they couldn't trust you as their parents to show up at home, feed them, comfort them or teach them.

Yet this is the way of life for children in the slums. For many of their parents, the opportunity for anything different has long gone and they live in a world of denial, drugs, alcohol and hopelessness. The level of fear is elevated even more by violence which seems to increase wherever poverty has such a strong grip.

The wars and violence we hear about in the media today are fought with technology and powerful machines but the violence in Brazil is being kept under-reported to the outside world. It is being fought only with a corrupt police force, a dysfunctional system of law and a powerful elite unwilling to eliminate poverty.

At The University of Life, we understand the complexities and consequences of poverty and so do the young people on our mission team. Every week they meet together to study the bible, pray and ask God to intervene in their lives - bringing hope and peace to their families and friends.

As part of their outreach strategy our young people recently planned an impact event using the mission bus, specifically to address the issue of fear in Agua Fria (our local area). After a night of prayer and fasting in preparation for the

event, **25 students and University of Life staff were ready to go out and help their community.**



At 3pm in the afternoon the team began going from door to door, talking to people about their faith and inviting them to a special evening event in the main square. As it began to get dark they gathered in the

square to pray again and share the results of their evangelism. The main show began with the help of an entertainment group who breathe fire as a performance art. The mission team then continued with a powerful drama called ECLIPSE and a short message about fear. During the appeal 19 people came forward for salvation including several mothers of our students. **One of the men who became a Christian was a crack addict who had nearly died of an overdose just a couple of months ago.**

Overall we felt it was a very positive evening, enjoyed by the community and most importantly changing lives and sewing seeds for transformation.

At the moment we are planning to hold another two impact events, one on April 24th and another on May 1st.

Thank you so much for your on-going support that encourages us and makes all of this possible.



Every day The University of Life provides...

A safe environment for children
A hot nutritious meal
4 hours of quality education
Playtime
Clean water

...for 375 children aged 7 to 17