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A *pathway* out of *poverty* through  
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# Results and Relationship

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**In Brazil, it's a new academic year, the end of the summer holidays and the beginning of the rainy season**

**Dear Friend**

## Teamwork - It's less me and more we!

This month I'd like to tell you about some of our staff, the people in Brazil with whom we share our vision for the children. It has been said that working as a team divides the tasks and doubles the results! This is certainly true for our work in the slum community of Aqua Fria in Fortaleza.

Since I began working with street children in Brazil I have met hundreds of Brazilian Christians with a desire to help and serve the neediest and the least of society. The majority of them are ordinary people who know the reality of poverty themselves but have worked hard to grab hold of opportunities which have allowed them to develop skills and the creativity to survive.

I cannot stress enough to you how difficult it is to get ahead in Brazil where the minimum salary is not even enough to buy groceries for one month.

Our staff in Brazil are an outstanding group of people. They have great needs themselves, but they are dedicated, generous, self-motivated and most importantly committed to our vision of creating leaders one child at a time. Please keep us all in your prayers, we are an important team which is continually evolving, learning and overcoming, as we strive to meet so many needs each day.

On behalf of all the staff and children

Marc Marques

### RECENT ACTIVITIES

2009, Christmas Musical 'Searching for the meaning of Christmas' Attendance - 800 community members



New Mural in IT Classroom

Challenging CBC students to be the leaders of a troubled



## Our team in Brazil



### Celia - Receptionist and Secretary

Celia has been working with us for 10 years. She is diligent, caring and motherly and everyone loves her! Her role is on the front line liaising with parents, answering the phone and bookkeeping.

**My Family:** I am married and I have a son, 22 and a daughter 20.

**My Dreams:** To do more for the Lord and care more for my family.

**My Favorites:** Doing God's work, sleeping, shopping and going out

**My Prayers:** That my husband and daughter will know Jesus as their Saviour.



### Emilio - IT Classroom Teacher

Emilio has been with us for nearly two years and was trained by our previous IT teacher. He is passionate about the importance of computer skills for children and is dedicated to serving the project with his technical skills.

**My Family:** I am married to Kelly who is a gift from God

**My Favorites:** Worshipping God with my wife and friends

**My Prayers:** That my family and my wife's family will become Christians.



### Silvia - First Grade Teacher



Silvia's life has been devoted to the project for the last 15 years. She began working with Marc when The University of Life opened its doors to children. She is bubbly, fun-loving and friendly as well as a strong and effective teacher.

**My Family:** My father and my 6 brothers and sisters.

**My Dreams:** To have a house and a family

**My Favorites:** I love to dance, be with friends and watch films

**My Prayers:** That my father will become a Christian

### Paula - 3rd year Teacher

Paula has been a teacher at the University of Life for a year. Walking into her 3rd grade classroom is exciting because you never know what you will find! Paula is a creative and caring teacher and a great addition to our staff team.



**My Family:** I have a son who is 17 and a daughter who is 20

**My Dreams:** To travel

**My Favorites:** I like to read, spend time with my children and watch a good film. I like to worship God.

**My Prayers:** That my mum will become a Christian and that my children and I will be strong and healthy.

## Latest News

### **First parents meeting of the year.**

The parents of all 350 newly enrolled students attended an orientation meeting to prepare themselves and their children for a new academic year at The University of Life..

The purpose of the meeting was to encourage parents to support every aspect of their child's education. It is often very difficult for parents who are struggling to survive to prioritise education for their children.



However, we sensitively offered advice and encouragement to parents to help them support their children. This advice ranged from the importance of their child being on time each day to how to help them read or study at home.

### **Misery continues in Brazil's silent war**

Please pray for the community around us. A quick glance at the daily paper reminds us of the grim reality of poverty and gang violence. In just one weekend in February in the city of Fortaleza, there were 15 murders. Agua Fria (our community), is just one of over 20 slum areas in just one city, which suffer from this kind of violence.

Our children often look safe when you see them inside the walls of the project in their clean white t-shirts but the moment they step outside it is another reality altogether.