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Good Things Are Here !

A message from our newest member of staff in Brazil



My name is Rejane (pronounced Heijarn-ee) and I'm 33 years old. I have a son who is 17 months old and his name is Gabriel. It

was through a friend at my church that I came to know about The University of Life and applied for a job here.

I fell in love with the project when I came for my first interview because I had never seen anything so beautiful in this area. The community here suffers a lot and it was such a breath of fresh air to step into such a peaceful place. It wasn't just the grounds but the way that The University of Life works with children which I thought was so beautiful.

This project is important in this community because it's a place where the children receive so much more than education. There are so many good things here that a child needs to grow well. We can offer holistic care and a perspective to life which is far different to that of the favela.



Working here is a big change in my professional life. My role here is not just to teach. I can also use my gifts to care for the children according to their spiritual and emotional needs. It is such a privilege to be able to do this.

Since I began working here with my Year 2 class, I have noticed a big difference between the new students who have joined the project in 2012 and the students



who have already been here for a year. It takes almost six months for the children to adjust and learn to trust us as their teachers.

Working here is great fun, the team is hardworking and dedicated and I am looking forward to the opportunities I will have here.

Thanks for making it possible!

Bridge Fundraising Almost Complete

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Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge towards this campaign which we have been featuring in our newsletters this year.

We are almost there and it's not too late to make a donation and help us reach our final goal. The new bridge will be a centrepiece of The University of life and so if you want to buy a plank of wood or a coloured post, the opportunity is still there! For donations that will last, Brazilian hardwood is one of the best investments we can think of!

**Thanks for your participation and encouragement,
please visit our website if you would like to make a gift.**

"I Want To Be Everything!"

Changing Lives, One Day At A Time



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Gideon is 10 years old and in year 5 at The University of Life. Today he is a completely different child to the one who began with us two years ago.

At the age of 8 Gideon could not read or write and was a very timid. He had received virtually no schooling and had great difficulty settling into the classroom routine. Gideon's life had consisted of watching and helping his mother wash clothes and playing at the edge of the street.

Today Gideon's world has been flung wide open and he wants to be a part of everything. He has learned to read and write and his dreams change on nearly a daily basis. "I want to be a teacher, a football player and a doctor." says Gideon, "When I'm here at CBC I want to be everything!"

Broadening the horizons of a child growing up in the favela is a key aspect of UNiViDA's work and this process has clearly begun in Gideon's life. In addition to his interest in his studies, Gideon is also a great little helper who is very willing to share with his friends so that they can have the same pleasure of discovery!

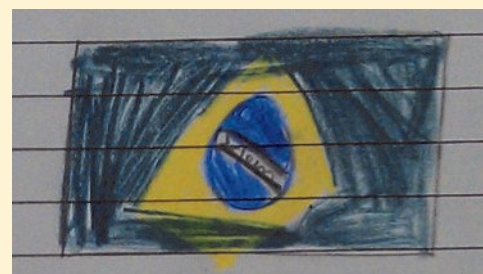


Thanks Gideon for passing on the joy!



Thank you

Univida wishes to thank all the staff and students at St Mary's CofE School in Walthamstow who have been sharing their Olympic Experiences with our children in Brazil. Our students are now studying what it will mean to be a host nation and will be replying to the children in Walthamstow very soon.



Latest News >>>

Getting Ready to Purchase the Kombi Van

UNiViDA's Marc Marques and The University of Life's Operational Services Director in Brazil are in negotiations with a Fortaleza VW Dealer in preparation to purchase a new vehicle for the project. UNiViDA funds raised over the last year and a half for this project will be transferred when everything is in place for the purchase to be made.



Preparations For A Trip To Brazil

The University of Life is preparing to welcome a team of 10 volunteers from Christchurch Epsom Common at the end of October. The team will be visiting the project for a week and, getting to know the staff and students and participating in some special workshops with the children.



What Are You Afraid Of?

If you asked a group of children what they were afraid of the chances are you would get some responses like, spiders and monsters, However, if you were to ask children living in a favela the same question the answers would most likely be stray bullets and death. Children walking to The University of Life and crossing through particularly dangerous areas of the favelas are currently facing these fears on a daily basis. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Favourite Photos



This photo was taken by James Schrock, a professional photographer who visited The University of Life in October 2011. It was taken during break time when the boys are quick to organise themselves into teams for a quick game of football in the hot sun.

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