



An insight into the work of UNiViDA
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Something We've Dreamed Of Has Happened

Meet Micael, The University of Life's newest teacher, and former student of the project!



Micael starting work , April 2013

Hello! My name is Micael and I'm 19 years old. This is not the first time I have worked but it is the first time I've been officially employed. This makes a big difference for us here in Brazil because it means that I have officially begun my employment record.

It is a great privilege to be writing this and to be here at The University of Life. Everyday I say to myself, "Today I'm going to learn something new, principally something new about God."

Having studied here and received so much help, I am excited about the opportunity to give something back. This is where I learned to play the guitar and first began to discover my love for music. Through this new job, I am able to fulfill a dream which is to be able to t e a c h m u s i c .

I am still finishing my music degree but I will be teaching instruments lessons as well as music theory to classes of 20-25 students. This will be a



Micael, in 2008

new class for the children here and we hope that musical awareness will help stimulate learning in other subjects.

In addition to music I will also be teaching some PE lessons. I hope to teach volleyball, hockey, handball and soccer. The children here have a great love for sports, especially since they saw the Olympics last year.



Micael leading worship as a CBC student in 2010.

Finally I would like to say that I am also looking forward to being a part of the team of staff at The University of Life. Just like it was in JVC, (the mission team I was a part of here), we accomplish more when we work together.

My prayer request is that I will be an effective teacher and mentor to the children, offering them education and most importantly, Christ, as their Saviour and Friend.

Obrigado e Deus te abençoe (that means thanks and God Bless).

Comment

Being able to welcome Micael is a dream come true. Not only is he a great young teacher with a lot of talents. Micael's chosen career path is an example of the kind of long term vision we have for each of the children who we register at The University of Life.

Micael is a young man with a good character and the determination and skills to make a difference in the community.

UNiViDA Team



Other News

BRIDGE BUILDERS NEEDED

We are in need of a team to travel to Brazil to help us re-build the bridge and re-landscape the pond area. and will take approximately 7-10 days to complete.

The work will involve setting new foundations, cleaning out the pond and fitting and painting the new wooden bridge.

If you know a team of people who might be interested, please contact us.

NEW PHOTO PRESENTATION ON YouTube

We have a new set of photos, set to music on our UNiViDAChannel on You Tube. [Click here](#) or on the image below to watch.



REGISTRATION PERIOD COMES TO AN END

Our two week period of registration and were amazed to find mothers, fathers and grandparents standing in a queue at 4.30am in order to secure places for their children at the project. For the first time this year, we even had the Director of a local state school calling us to find out if she could reserve a large number of places for her pupils.

Despite the violence which constantly threatens the activities of normal life, these events show us the tremendous desire that there is for the opportunities UNiViDA offers. Underpaid and under resourced public



school teachers are again on strike, looking to improve their working conditions and it's no wonder that school Directors are desperately seeking solutions.

We continue to do our best and offer as many places as possible. It's our prayer that the local government can improve the public schools, resolve the many conflicts that exist within the current system and better serve the children who live in the desperately needy slums of Brazil.

Fundraising News

We've had a very encouraging response to our Computer Classroom Campaign. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation so far.

We'd like to get started on the renovation as soon as possible and we are currently working on breaking down the project into phased stages.

**We've already raised
25 % towards our goal of £15,000 !**

Thank you - let's keep fundraising!

VIRGIN MONEY GIVING

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like further information about our work.

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