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to children in Brazil

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Results & Relationship

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"I Cannot Remember The Last Time I Ate Meat."

This May we distributed another much needed package of food to our families, who continue to face sickness, unemployment and lockdowns without support.

This time it was more evident than ever that stepping into the lush green grounds of The University of Life was a therapy in itself to tired families. Despite the masks and social distancing, children were relieved to see their teachers face to face. For our new students, it was their first opportunity to meet them in person. One after another, parents commented about how thankful they were for the love and support that they receive from UNiViDA.



It certainly brought smiles to a lot of faces.

While families came in to collect their packages, we played familiar music from our school assemblies and had some of our students dancing on the stage in the gymnasium.

Our grateful thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. Many parents commented that they had a shortage of food in



the home. This time we added a frozen chicken to our package because we realized that many families were no longer able to afford meat.

Each family received 27 kgs of goods including rice, beans, oil, pasta, coffee, crackers, salt, canned vegetables, a frozen chicken, eggs and cleaning supplies.

Road Map Back To School

The city of Fortaleza is cautiously emerging from the deadly wave of COVID which made global news in April and May. Citizens are still living under a myriad of rules and curfews which determine when and how businesses, churches and schools can operate.

Despite the all clear for state schools to return to in person learning with a limited capacity, the teachers unions are pushing hard for schools to remain closed until teachers are fully vaccinated.

In the last few weeks we have heard reports of vaccine thefts and vaccine shortages in Fortaleza but we hope and pray that the situation will improve with vaccines available for teachers during June and July.

In the meantime, we will be providing regular opportunities for small groups of students to come into the project to discuss their educational progress and re-establish relationships and routine.

We are safely able to provide a number of activities for children in an outdoor environment including discussion groups, dance, some sports and Bible study. For children who have been out of structured classes this will be step one of a journey back to learning.

Throughout May, staff will be meeting twice a week at

the project. Please pray for our plans and for our continued health and protection as we continue this journey.

Desperate Times, New Ways To Help

This is Jaqueline, she is a squatter in this tiny shack on invaded land behind The University of Life. To get to her home, we had to gain the permission of armed gang members who control the alleyway.

Jaqueline is a single mum of three and has been unemployed for over a year. She has been surviving by selling vegetables door to door in the slum, even during the lockdown.



Recently we decided to arrange for Jaqueline to receive a new bike. Her old one was beyond repair and it was her only means of making a living.



Jaqueline has been able to put her new bike to immediate use and even dedicated her best yellow shirt to her new look business.

She has since told us that she is going to pass on this blessing to 10 other people in need!



Making It Happen At Home

We continue to be amazed at the resourcefulness of our students when it comes to studying at home.

Here are just a few photos of the ways our students are staying in touch, studying and expressing themselves.

Whether its dancing on the streets, making up poetry, maths in the kitchen or Portuguese sitting on the bed, University of Life students are trying their best to learn in the most difficult situations.



We are planning to deliver another learning pack to students at the end of May. If you'd like to sponsor a pack or several packs please visit our [Learning Pack Page on Virgin Money Giving](#).

or www.univida.org/donate Thank you!



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