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Bringing life, hope & opportunity
to children in Brazil

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A Hand Up and Out of this Crisis

A message from Marc



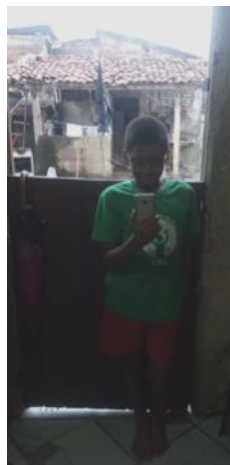
Diego is 11 years old and has been studying at The University of Life for 3 years.

This is the front of his house, where he lives with his mother who is called Nilda. His father abandoned the family and wanted nothing to do with Diego.

Nilda has been unemployed for the last 7 months and has been relying on the charity of her neighbours and friends who share food. What impresses us about Diego is that we rarely see him without a smile on his face. Despite hunger and insecurity, he remains positive, and simply lights up when he has an opportunity to engage with us.

This photo (above) was taken when we recently went to visit the family with a food package.

Nilda and Diego treasure the small mobile phone which they share for Diego's classes and other communications. Diego's hobby is holding the phone and pretending to be a Pastor by reading from the Bible App. When we asked him to send us a photo of him studying at home, he sent us this image (right).



Diego's situation brings tears to my eyes and I find myself dreaming about the different ways that we can reach out to help him. If Diego keeps learning and maintains his hope and faith in Jesus

Christ, his life will be completely different to many of other boys and girls in his community who do not have the same perspective.

As a team, we have been challenged to think of more ways to assist such a great number of desperate families. We want to do even more, not just giving a handout but also and hand up to move beyond this crisis.

Thank you so much for your support and prayers.

Marc Marques,
Founder of UNiViDA



More Learning Packs Distributed

We now have learning packs going out to all our students on a regular basis. Filled with brand new pens and pencils, puzzle books and a few treats, our students really look forward to these motivational surprises.

Older students are receiving packs with reading materials, stationary and textbooks. Thank you!



Latest From Brazil

The re-opening of state schools in Brazil is tied to COVID-19 vaccinations for teachers. Most of our staff team have been offered their first dose, and will have a 12 week wait over the summer for their second jab.

There are still many uncertainties but we desperately hope to be able to start classes in September.

Meanwhile, we are hoping to use the summer months effectively to make some much needed upgrades at the project.

As the economy opens up and materials and labour become more available, there are two projects we want to tell you about.

Prayer Garden & Open Classroom

This has been in our sights for a long time but COVID has confirmed our need for this outdoor space.

This area will be re-paved and seating put in place to allow students to study individually or in small groups. The project requires re-paving an area adjacent to our classrooms which overlooks our pond and bridge. We want to decorate, install outdoor seating and small structure to create more shade.



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Kitchen Overhaul

If you have been to The University of Life you will know that the kitchen is the heart of the project where our days begin and end.

The current kitchen was expertly designed by Marc and has lasted for over 20 years.

However, the tiled floor has literally worn down and the cupboards are now disintegrating, creating unhygienic dust and risk. In conjunction with additional needs to install hot water, better ventilation and electrical upgrades, we have decided that it is time to do a major overhaul.



At present we are working with architects and designers to make sure that the re-design will meet all of our functional needs. We anticipate that the total cost will be in the region of £20,000.

As we move forward in faith, we invite you to consider how you might like to be involved in financially supporting these two projects. We consider both of them to be important steps in creating a safe and sustainable environment to protect our students and help them grow into future leaders.

Thank you once again for your partnership with us.

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