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Bringing life, hope & opportunity
to children in Brazil

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Wishing you a **JOYFUL** Christmas from Brazil

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Graduation Party



On the 10th December we held an awards ceremony for 32 students who are leaving The University of Life for secondary school. This included our year 9's from 2020.



The students shared their memories and reflected on their time with us. They also heard inspiring messages of encouragement from their teachers and from a very special alumni called Bruno, who is the first of our students to become a practicing solicitor here in Fortaleza.



Congratulations to all the students.

Karolayne



Karolayne is 14 years old and has spent the last six years with us. We remember how small and insecure she was when she first arrived, full of fear and anxiety. However, little by little she began to participate in activities. She loves to sing and this has really been a tremendous means for her to develop self-confidence.

As she began to focus on her dreams Karolayne began to understand that UNiViDA was offering her an opportunity to succeed. Today she is a conscientious young woman with a strong Christian faith. She tells us that the project has taught her to overcome her fears and believe that everything is possible. She addressed all her fellow students at the graduation party, speaking about the importance of her faith in God. She even sang her favourite song to them as an encouragement.

When we asked her what The University of Life means to her she said *"hope that there is always a new start."*

Roberto

Roberto has been a student with us since year 5. He lives with both his parents, but his father is a long-distance driver and is often away from home. Roberto never really engaged with other students because his mum put a lot of pressure on him to study.



As we began to investigate Roberto's situation, we found out that his mother had prohibited him from taking part in extra activities like dance and drama. Roberto became rebellious and almost lost interest completely in coming to the project.

We called in Roberto's mom to talk about the situation and encouraged her to allow Roberto some time relax and enjoy opportunities other than his academic studies. Thankfully Roberto's mother was grateful for this advice, and she began to see the benefit of reducing the pressure she was putting on her son to study.

Over time, Roberto was able to relax, make friends and enjoy everything the project had to offer him. He is now graduating and wants to be a doctor. He says that The University of Life has helped him improve his relationship with his mother and his mother says the same about her relationship with Roberto.



Our Summer Holidays

We'll be taking a break over Christmas and New Year but will be back at the project early January to prepare for the start of term in February.

Here are some more photos from our final activities this month. Again, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Last Day of School

Hot dogs, secret santa and lots of chocolate!



Our Christmas Cantata

Thanks to everyone who helped with our Christmas campaign to buy each student a t-shirt. The kids loved them and they looked great in our Christmas Finale!



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Staff Christmas Party

On the 21st December we went on a Christmas Safari



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