





# UNiViDA

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to children in Brazil

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## Results & Relationship

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### New Kitchen



The photo above shows where the second phase extension will be. It will create 24m<sup>2</sup> of extra space at the back of the existing kitchen.



We are so happy to be able to share these great photos of our new kitchen. The first part of this project is now completed and we are moving into the second phase. This will involve a small extension to create a laundry area, food storage and new cloakroom.

The kitchen is now much better equipped to serve the 7,000 meals per month which we prepare for all our students and staff. Our cooks Maze and Josie are delighted with the results and feel like they are coming to work in a dream kitchen each day!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a reality.

## We Did It!





## Staff Update

Several of our staff have been having a very difficult time with illnesses recently. Our year 5 teacher, Elandir (second from left) has been hospitalized for over a month with an infection after a gall bladder operation. She remains in a serious condition. Marcia, our year 6 teacher has swollen joints as a result of Chikungunya, a nasty mosquito borne illness. Lisiane and Oseias, have also been sick with different virus' which are so prevalent in the rainy season. Please keep them all in your prayers.

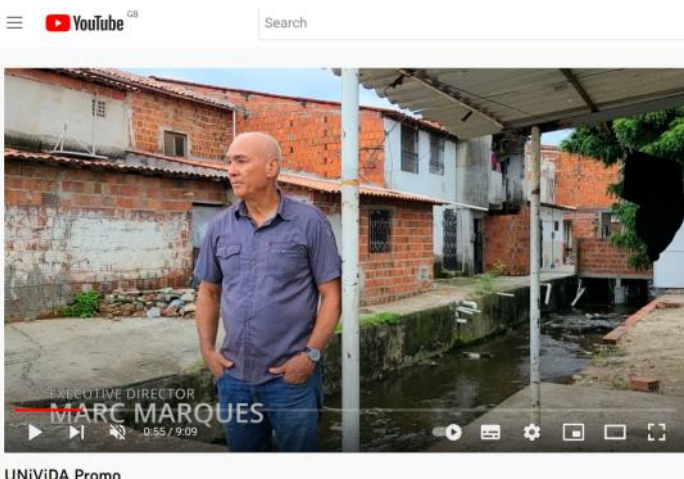
## New Promo Video

Over the last few months we have spent a lot of time thinking about how best to communicate the reality of life in the slums to people in the UK. We can't emphasize enough just how beneficial The University of Life is for all the children in our community given the closeness of violence and pain that their young lives have experienced.

We are delighted to release this 9 minute film on YouTube and hope that you find it helpful in understanding both the challenges that our children face in the favelas and the hope they find at the project.

You can find the video at...

[www.youtube.com/unividacharity](http://www.youtube.com/unividacharity)



## May I Borrow Some Scissors?

Teachers have their ways of getting things done and it often involves codes that students have no idea about. One of the tricks of the trade used by our staff here in Brazil is "borrowing a pair of scissors." Intrigued? This is how it works.

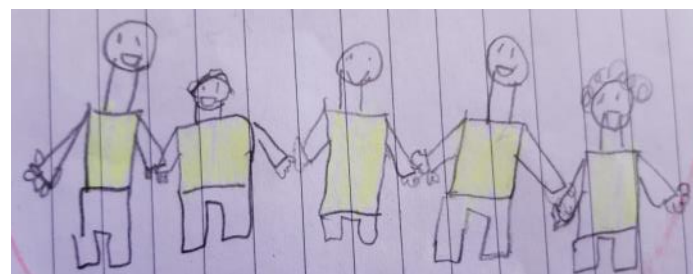
When a child is in need of some special attention, showing signs of trauma or behaving differently than normal, we want to be able to help them immediately.

Our teachers have developed a code whereby they ask the child to go and ask another teacher (who has a free period), if they can borrow a pair of scissors. When they hear this request, other teacher immediately knows to take the opportunity to spend some time with that student and find out if they are ok.

Very often this provides the student with much needed individual attention and the opportunity to share problems if they want to. Sadly, at the University of Life we have many students who suffer from neglect, depression, grief and abuse.

Often we will ask the child to draw a picture of themselves and their family, as a way for them to tell us about their circumstances at home. During these discussions we are often able to share the gospel message with the child. As a team we are able to work together to best help all of our students.

Here's one of the pictures recently drawn by a child during one of these sessions. Of course the conversation does normally end with "But, I came to borrow a pair of scissors!"





The first half of our academic year will come to an end this month. Students will then be on holiday for the month of July. We are planning to hold a sports day to celebrate the end of term.

This is Rodrigo, a former student himself who has been working as our PE teacher for nearly six months. Rodrigo has a great rapport with the children. He has been working on developing their coordination, teamwork and concentration skills, as well as refereeing many football matches at playtime!

Meanwhile our dance teacher has been busy training 4 new groups of dancers. At the end of May we held a special mothers day party for 260 women.

**WE ARE INVITING TEAMS BACK TO BRAZIL.** Is it time for you to come back and visit? If you have a church or group of between 10 and 15 people, we'd love to talk to you about bringing a team to Fortaleza for 10-14 days. If you are interested please email [ruth.marques@uniivida.org](mailto:ruth.marques@uniivida.org)



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