





UNiViDA

Bringing life, hope & opportunity
to children in Brazil

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Results & Relationship

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Elandir, Year 5 Teacher Out Of Hospital

Over the last year we have asked many of you to pray for Elandir and we are delighted to say that a place in a rehabilitation home has become available. After five months in the hospital, she is now receiving care in a new environment where she can enjoy fresh air and more physical therapy to help with her recovery. Thank you for your prayers. At this point it is unlikely that she will be able to return to teach at the project her family is in the process of organizing disability and retirement benefits from the government.

Asking God To Help Us

It is not uncommon for students to arrive at The University of Life angry, sad, or depressed. Counselling and comforting these students is a daily part of UNiViDA's ministry.

Over the last month we have had 26 children telling us they would like to become Christians and begin discipleship training. They have been asking great questions about God, and the meaning of their lives in a difficult community. In response, we have been creating more time in our timetable for these discussions.



We are also seeing big changes in the behaviour of students who were proving rebellious at the beginning of term.

One female student who always appeared exhausted and always walked or sat with

her head down. Her friends often called her lazy. One day her teacher felt the Holy Spirit challenging her to help this girl. She told her to lift her head up high, that she was not lazy or tired, and that never again would anyone tag her with this label. Something seemed to click inside of her and we have seen her respond in a remarkable way. Her demeanour has changed as if she is walking with a new posture and air of confidence.

Words of encouragement like this make such a difference to children and young people who



have rarely heard uplifting words in their homes and community.

Thank you so much to all of you who give faithfully each month to help us be a faithful presence and comfort to so many young people.

Update your Gift Aid Declaration

UNiViDA is committed to keeping your data secure and up to date. Our ability to claim Gift Aid depends on having correct address and declaration information from you. Please help us out by completing our online Gift aid declaration form, or printing and sending us a copy of the form on the last page of this newsletter. www.univida.org/giftaid

This is particularly important if we have not heard from you for a long time or you changed your address or tax status recently.

Thank you so much.

7th October - Super Friday Fun Day

Children's day co-insides with a national holiday in Brazil and special events for children are common. We will be celebrating with a fun-filled day of music, games, hot dogs and gift bags.

15th October - Teachers Day Teambuilding Event

Former students and professional trainers Luzilene and Adalberto will be leading a special morning of team activities with the theme of 'working as one.' The event will start with a delicious Brazilian breakfast of tropical fruits, juices, bread, ham, eggs and cake! At the end of the morning we will be presenting awards and thanking each teacher for their contribution to The University of Life.

15th November - Family Lunch



After 3 years we are delighted to be bringing back our biggest event of the year to celebrate family. We will be hosting a morning of presentations, a raffle and a hot meal for over 600 people.

Here is a photo from a previous family lunch where our students prepared dance, songs and sketches to perform to their parents. Many of our students have never taken part in an event like this and they are extremely excited.



Maintenance & Equipment Needs

With the children now more settled after the pandemic, we are beginning to expand our activities and finding that much of our equipment is broken or in need of repair. Here is a list of some of our needs at present.

- Repairs to the wooden stage - termite damage
- Repairs and new strings for guitars
- A new keyboard
- A new TV for our film classroom
- Decoration for a counseling and discipleship space
- A new door for one of our classrooms
- New whiteboards
- Footballs and other sports equipment
- Tree planting and outdoor seating



If you would like to help with any of these needs, you can make a special donation with a note 'maintenance.' As the end of the year approaches, we really need your support and a little can go a long way.

If you have any questions about specific needs, please email: ruth.marques@univida.org

Dance Team

← Congratulations to our dance team who performed in our assembly recently. You can watch [here](#) and check out our other videos at...

<https://www.youtube.com/unividacharity>



The organization Stewardship, helps many full time Christian workers by providing an avenue through which personal support can be gift-aided. UNiViDA's Field Director, Ruth Marques has now been working in Brazil for over 18 years.

With cost of living increases in Brazil and in the UK, Ruth still needs support to enable her to effectively serve the project and stay healthy and connected with her family and friends in the UK. This is her profile on the Stewardship website.

'Ruth Marques works with children living in the slums of Fortaleza, Brazil with the charity UNiViDA. Since 2004 she has dedicated her life to working alongside her husband Marc and 17 other Brazilian Christians who provide daily education, hope and opportunity to over 260 children living in the midst of poverty and violence. Your personal support for Ruth helps her to maintain contact with her family in the UK, access ongoing training and development, and meet other needs such as insurance and healthcare and a pension.'

Please click on the link below if you would like to help Ruth with a one off gift or monthly support.

www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20101153



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