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The Story of My Life

Marc Marques

I never expected to be alive and say that I have 'seen my life flash before my eyes,' but that is exactly what happened to me as I watched our Christmas play at the end of last year. It was masterfully put together by our new drama teacher.

As the play unfolded, the story of my life was told about the conversion of a young man (me), who gave up addiction and depression to help children.

I was so moved that I could barely stand to give my message after the children's choir performed the final song. If you'd like to see the play, you can [watch it here](#).



There is no greater love than that which Jesus modeled for us.

He told us...

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:37-39



Registration & Planning Underway



Once again we saw long lines as we opened our doors for registration in January. We have a strong reputation in the community and mothers know that a place at the project brings peace of mind for them and an abundance of opportunity for their children.

Please pray for our team as we launch into the new school year. We are excited about seeing our returning students and anxious to meet our new students.

Thank you for making this possible.



Registration - January 2023



While Marc's life story was being told, another drama was going on in the lives of the actors, our older students.

Brian (name changed) has been a student at CBC for several years and was in his last year at the project. A few months before Christmas he began to miss classes. When we asked around, rumours came back that he had become involved in drug dealing and had been seen in the area with an illegal weapon. Unfortunately this is extremely common in the streets around The University of Life.

We sent a message to his mother (Brian's father left the family and has no relationship with him) saying that we missed him and hoped he would talk to us. He agreed and we arranged a meeting with his teacher and with Adalberto, an alumni of the project.

During the meeting we explained to Brian how precious his life is, how talented he is and how much we value him as a student in the project. Brian was stunned with the care and compassion shown to him even though he had made some very bad decisions.

Adalberto explained to him how he himself had lost many friends due to violence in the slums and how painful this had been for him. He continued to encourage Brian to come back to the project and put his focus on studying and his energy into theatre which was his passion.

Brian shed many tears and felt a strong conviction to stop his involvement in drugs. Brian's decision was upheld with his daily commitment to return to The University of Life in the months before Christmas.



This is photo of Brian on stage performing at our Christmas Cantata. Marc's powerful story, also a very real story for his own life.

We hope and pray that Brian will succeed, he has so much potential and talent.

Please pray for him and for all the teachers at The University of Life as they seek to rescue children like Brian from grasp of drugs and violence.

Young people like Brian are confronted with poverty everyday and gangs use this suffering to lure children into trafficking to make quick money and offer a false escape from reality.

Kitchen Project - Phase 2

Finally, it wouldn't be the beginning of the year without some maintenance projects at The University of Life. We have replaced columns holding up the dining area and chapel which were in need of replacement.



During the break from classes we have broken through into our new extension which will soon be connected to the main kitchen area.

Our cooks Maze and Josy are so thankful for this new oven which will help us prepare over 7,000 meals a month.



Thank you for your support.



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