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Bringing life, hope & opportunity
to children in Brazil

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Jonah is 12 years old. He studies with us in the morning and at a nearby state school in the afternoon. He is new to the project this year but has quickly found his place and made friends. Jonah enjoys all the activities we offer, especially hip hop. He is an intelligent young man and with our encouragement, has written down his dreams for the future. He has told us that he wants to be a solicitor.

Jonah recently read the Biblical story bearing his name but didn't really like the ending. He wanted Biblical Jonah to be a bit more of a hero, and asked us, "**Can I change the story?**"

What a great question! Have you read the last chapter of Jonah recently? Biblical Jonah is left on a literal cliff hanger, overlooking the city of Nineveh, wondering how God can care so much for the city.

Not unlike the Biblical character, Jonah struggles. He was abandoned by his father and his young mother has been unable to raise him. Jonah's grandparents have been responsible for him since he was born. Jonah has been working through feel-

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ings of abandonment, resentment and anger toward his father. Surrounded by the loving care of our teachers, he has also felt the loss of not having his own mother's love and care.

Jonah is growing up in the slums surrounded by injustice and poverty, trying to figure things out. He feels alone and is asking, is there any hope?

In the Biblical story God says yes. He spared Jonah and Nineveh for another day. The challenge facing Biblical Jonah on the cliff top, is similar to the one facing our Jonah as he grows up in the slums. Biblical Jonah struggled, he made his own choices and things got messy, but God helped him get the job done.

The end of the Biblical story is unknown. Perhaps that is the point, Jonah had seen God's faithfulness in action and had to decide for himself. Jonah's question is brilliant. **In a sense, the answer is yes.**

Jonah can change his own story.

Because of your partnership, Jonah is beginning to feel that he is special, for the first time in his life. Together we are helping him develop his faith, navigate the difficult times and understand that no matter what happens God loves him and has plans for him that will change his life and God's world.

That's what being a Dreambuilder (monthly giver) is all about.

Please pray for Jonah as he embraces his time at The University of Life, and learns to accept God's love and promises for his life

Thank you

The University of Life develops literacy and critical thinking into leadership skills and vocational aspirations. In our community young people have to work hard climb out of poverty and they need a strong character and determination to do it.

The theme of our 2nd semester is financial education. We've been building the self-esteem of our students with a specific focus on their capacity to understand money.

We are learning about the value of money and materials. This has been a new concept for many of our children. Among our lessons, we have been teaching them to play Brazilian Monopoly.

We are also thinking about how to generate income and how to value the things we use, make, buy and sell.

Photo & Editing Course

This month we have welcomed former student and professional photographer Flavio back to the project as a guest teacher. He is teaching a group of 12 students a special photo and editing course to help them get a head start in the world of digital marketing.

Upcoming Events

20th October - Children's Day Activity
15th November - Family Lunch
8th December - Christmas Celebration
1st -15th Dec - Student state school exams

January - 14th February - Marc and Ruth will be visiting churches and groups in the UK. Please contact ruth.marques@univida.org if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Making Life Boats

Watch on our you Tube Channel

www.youtube.com/unividacharity



Ruth and Jonah tackle a needle and thread

Sewing purses



Brazilian Monopoly



Isabelle took her art project home to give to her Father and sent us this great photo.

Christmas Fundraising

Can your church, workplace or school take on a fundraiser for children living in the slums of Brazil this Christmas?

We can help you with video messages, testimonies and photos. Please get in touch if you would like to help. ruth.marques@univida.org



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