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Good Morning Good Morning Good Morning

"Hi everyone, here we are at the start of another week, ummmm, and I'm telling you that it's going to be a great week. A week of victories, peace, joy, motivation, SMILES, faith and everything else that is good. Let's start by absorbing good things into our minds and believing them with our hearts. That way we ourselves, will be full of goodness to share with others. Even though there might be some challenges ahead we won't let them discourage us. Make sure you remember this that God will always be there at your side, looking after you in all the details. AMEN? So, good morning, happy Monday, good morning, happy Monday, keep smiling with love and faith, ok?" SILVIA—Team Leader.

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This is a little snapshot (from Silvia) of the enthusiasm with which we are beginning 2024.

It's difficult to put into words how gratifying it is to accompany the transformation of a shy, anxiety ridden child living in a small shack, into a confident and curious child who is discovering their potential.

It's the little things that motivate teachers like Silvia, a 'thank you,' a wave, or a thoughtful comment that we know wouldn't have been possible from that child a few weeks ago. As the year goes on, we enjoy the privilege of seeing their students achieve new levels in their learning and character.

So, as usual, we are enthusiastically welcoming our new students this February to begin another academic year.

With a good deal of progress made after the damage of the pandemic (almost 2 years for our children out of school), we are raising our academic goals in 2024.

We will be focusing on literacy and maths and developing more diverse teaching methods to help our children learn. All of this requires planning and training for our teachers.

Silvia is a talented teacher and leader. Not only is she a ball of energy and enthusiasm, but also a wise manager of her team of staff.

Please pray for her this term as she challenges and trains our teachers to improve our learning outcomes.

Thank you

UNIVIDA Provides New Water Fountains

It might sound rather posh, but in Fortaleza the goto material is local granite. When it comes to durability in the outdoors, we have proved it to be a worthwhile investment. (It's also a lot less expensive at the source than in the UK).

So, here is our new purpose-built drinking water station, expertly designed by Marc and Oseias. It provides cool, filtered water for 19 children at a time. Believe us, it becomes a very busy place when the bell rings at the end of break time.

The children much prefer it to the old rusted fountains with warm water. It makes them feel respected and valued. Of course we have also taught them to be grateful for such a lovely facility and the opportunity to fill up their water bottles ready for class.

Creating a comfortable environment for learning is important, especially with the extremely high temperatures we have been experiencing recently in Brazil. Thank you!



A Look Back At Christmas

In case you missed it in the run up to Christmas, please take a moment to watch the video summary of our family celebration. UNIVIDA funds paid for the rental of some stage lights and a smoke which transformed our simple gymnasium into a professional looking stage. It's worth a watch. https://www.youtube.com/@UNIVIDACharity/videos



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The new water fountain has 8 spigots on each side and 3 taps for filling water bottles.



Lana Wants To Be The Mayor

It's Lana's second year at the project, she's going into year 4 and she is really enjoying herself. Lana has lots of ideas about what she could do with her life. She has thought about being a vet and a teacher. In fact, Lana is enchanted with possibilities.

"I love everything here. I think all schools should be like this. My school has nowhere for us to play and the teachers don't care about us. But here it is different. When I grow up, I am going to be the Mayor so that I can make all the schools like The University of Life, and all children will be able to enjoy this."

Thank you, for your support and prayers.



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