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We provide quality education and training for children living in poverty in the slums of Brazil.

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Our vision is to form the next generation of Christian leaders, ready to transform their communities and nation. We are an organization with 30 years of experience and success helping children at risk.



*Message from Marc Marques, Director*

Imagine a life where you grow up listening to the following statements.

**"Your father is and alcoholic and you will be just like him."**

**"You are going to be a prostitute just like me."**

**"Get out of my house and look for somewhere else to live."**

**"Go to work, education is not for you."**

Now imagine how these words would have impacted your life? Unfortunately, these words are so often heard in the slums of Brazil. However, at CBC the story is somewhat different.

**"You are a special child created by God."**

**"You can be whatever you want to be."**

**"God loves you."**

**With a little more effort you will be able to do your homework."**

Thank you for making this possible.

## A Food Parcel - Like A Bag Of Gold



Kauan lives about 5 miles away from the glamorous Castelão stadium where we've all been watching World Cup matches in Fortaleza. However, he can only dream of an opportunity to see the stadium from the outside, let alone ever go inside to watch a match.

Kauan is 7 years old and in year 2. He lives with his 3 brothers in a simple shack in the slum. His father finds odd jobs as a gardener and his mother looks after the children in the home.

Kauan is hungry. There is rarely enough food in his home to feed four young boys and as a result, he is a very thin and small for his age.

At CBC Kauan looks small and vulnerable. He enjoys all the activities but often struggles to concentrate in the classroom. At the beginning of the day he often mentions that he is tired or hungry.

Kauan's friends despite only being 7 or 8 themselves are quick to notice the signs of hunger. Most of them have experienced it themselves and can easily relate to Kauan's situation.

A few weeks ago, some of them came to us asking if they could collect some food together and make a food parcel for Kauan's family. "Of course" we replied and despite shortages in their own families, the children did their best bringing in rice, pasta and beans. With a little extra help from CBC, a food parcel with enough food for a month, was put together and given to Kauan's family.

"It's like having a bag of gold", remarked Kauan a few days later as he enthusiastically shared the experiences of his family enjoying their gift together.

"I've never had sardines before" commented Kauan, "I love them and when I get home I'm going to have some more!"

Meeting the very basic needs of children and their parents is the first step in the journey for CBC. Even though our focus is on delivering education, children like Kauan don't have a chance at learning if they are tired and undernourished.

At the project we cook over 3,000 meals a month. We want parents and the children to know that we are primarily concerned with their child's well-being.

Kauan's parents who are very poor, desperately need someone in the community who is on their side, supporting them and encouraging them to stay together as a family.

Because CBC can offer this kind of support, Kauan's parents are encouraged, knowing their children are safe, fed and cared for. With the kids safe during the day, they are able to do their best to earn a living, knowing that their children are receiving quality education.

**Most importantly we are keeping alive the values of family, hope and faith for a better future for them all.**

**Thanks for making a difference for Kauan and many others like him!**



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