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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.



## *Let Me Tell you about Adriele*

Adriele is 12 years old but has been at CBC for just a couple of months. However, Adriele's connection with the project is not new. Like many of her friends in the favela, Adriele has grown up with a new problem to face each morning. At the age of 7, Adriele used to come to CBC but almost always arrived, tired, sick or distracted. Some days she just didn't have the energy to make it.



Unfortunately, despite the emotional support and daily nutrition we offered, she was unable to stay healthy enough to come. Not wanting to lose her, we reached out to her family but were unable to convince them to help Adriele attend the project. Recently a friend of Adriele who was herself a new student at the project, invited her to enroll again. Adriele admitted that she had dearly missed CBC but had been looking after her younger siblings and helping her mother in the house.

Thankfully, Adriele has now returned and despite the interruption in her education and her timidity, she's steadily making progress each day. She wants to make the most of all the opportunities available to her particularly in the area of dance. She has been particularly inspired by Micael, our alumnus sports teacher, and when she grows up she wants to be a PE teacher.

*Thanks for making a difference for Adriele and so many like her! Marcondes Marques*

## Brazil—Still no clean water?

You've probably heard about the poor state of Rio de Janeiro's sanitation because of its impact on water quality in the Guanabara Bay for the Olympic rowing in 2016. For a 'world class' city, basic sanitation in Rio is way behind, serving only 70% of the population.

In Fortaleza, the figure is worse with only 60% of service and it's actually projected to decline further over the next few years because of rapid population growth.

No-where is this more evident than in the favelas where the toxic smells of untreated waste, extreme heat and rotting rubbish are unrelenting.



One of the most heart-breaking consequences of these conditions are the legions and infections that we see so often on the feet of children at CBC. There are over 25 different parasitic, bacterial and viral infections that can afflict children exposed to untreated sewage and unclean water. In the favelas of north-east Brazil infection rates are up to 50%.



Despite the smart t-shirts and freshly washed hair, you only need to look down at the feet of the children at CBC to see the nature of the environment in which they live.

### How Does CBC Help ?

Providing a safe, clean environment with clean drinking is a priority. With basic first aid supplies, CBC can help to treat children with open sores or infections and make sure that parents are alerted when antibiotics are required. We are also teaching students about their rights to basic sanitation as well as preventative health care.

It's our desire to reach out to our community and where possible, advocate on their behalf to improve conditions in the streets and alleyways. We want to see safe open spaces for children to live and play, away from contaminated water.

We know that the issues of planning control and the culture of invading land is a huge issue in Brazil but we do believe that we can help to raise a generation of young people who are informed and determined to improve the conditions of their community one step at a time.

### How Can You Help?

With a donation to our WELL PROJECT, you are helping to provide clean drinking water that can be used for our business venture as we re-open the bakery, and for the children at the project to drink.

In March this year energy bills in Brazil went up by 24% and anything that we can do to reduce our dependence on utilities like city water, is a great help to the ministry.

We've raised \$3,000 so far and we have another \$10,000 to go. **EVERY DOLLAR DONATED THIS MONTH WILL BE MATCHED UP TO \$5,000.** Together we can complete the task and **START DIGGING IN SEPTEMBER!**

Please make a donation using the enclosed slip to respond.

*Thank You!*



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