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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.



Brazil

Message from Marc Marques, Director

It's finally here, this month the focus of the world will be on Brazil as it hosts the World Cup. As I write there are still stadiums unfinished and Federal Police (among many other public workers) are threatening to go on strike. Our children will be sent home from their schools this month in order to relieve pressure on overcrowded roads and free up public transport for soccer fans.

This month, I encourage you to keep an eye on the news. It will be a good opportunity for you to see from the media a little more about what Brazil is like, the challenges it faces and why our work here is so desperately needed.

Of course we are excited about the tournament and our children will be glued to the matches (especially when Brazil plays). We have arranged a number of educational opportunities based around the theme but many of our children will only be able to imagine what the stadiums are like and what the lives of the soccer stars they idolize are like. Please pray for the nation of Brazil this month and that the tournament is peaceful and constructive for Brazil's people.

Latest News

Chapel Themes Is it right to obey your parents? Is it right lie sometimes? These are some of the questions being answered through biblical teaching at CBC each Friday in our Chapel service. For many kids it's their favorite part of the week. At the end of each month, there is a film and a very competitive quiz between boys and girls to see who has remembered the most.

Enrollment For each parent or extended family member that manages to secure a place for their child at CBC, there is great celebration. If places are unavailable we always receive special requests for us to make way (in Portuguese it's called a *jeitinho*) to create another space!

A Mothers Comments We recently has a visit from a young mother who wanted help for her child who didn't know how to read. She had been informed about the project by another mother in the community who was extremely enthusiastic about CBC. She had said *"If you want your child to learn to read, take them to CBC!"*

Relationship with State Schools CBC continues to have a very strong relationship with the struggling state school system. Very often the teachers at the schools are overworked and overwhelmed by the needs of their students and the few resources they have to help them. They often express their gratitude to CBC in offering support and tell us that CBC students are always the best and most well behaved.

Thoughtful Food Silvia's cook was recently praised by a desperate mother who was having trouble trying to get her child to eat properly. During recess Silvia had noticed a little boy who didn't enjoy eating the food provided. Silvia went out of her way to prepare something special for the little boy and encourage him to eat in a way that made him feel more comfortable.



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Mothers Day

Following the success of our family meal last November, the staff have been keen to organize another similar event. Mothers day gave us the perfect opportunity and on the 21st May the children gathered with their mothers to appreciate and celebrate the gift of motherhood.



We were able to collect gifts for the mothers some of which were donated by local businesses.

The evening was very much appreciated by the mothers who are rarely given a special treat which they deserve so much!



Professional Development

Each month, CBC staff gather together to spend time improving their professional skills and discussing topical issues regarding the students.

Recent topics have been...

- *How to be a good teacher*
- *Motivational relationships between teachers and students*
- *How to source quality educational material on the internet.*



Ruth, Elaudir, Adriana and Silvia in a staff meeting.