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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.



*Advance - it just depends on you!*

*Message from Marc Marques, Director*

This month we are beginning our first Orientation for Daily Life Project. Along with this year's theme to Advance,



the children are beginning to understand the importance of pushing forward in their learning and asking questions about the world in which we live.

We are delighted to see the enthusiasm of the kids and the impact they are having on their families.

## Only One Month To Go



We know that according to many of us it's not 'proper football' ;-), but the FIFA World Cup is the biggest single sporting event in the world. It's been played every

4 years since 1930 (except for '42 and '46) and from June 12th to July 13th it will be played for the second time in BRAZIL!

FIFA's objectives are to touch the world, better the game (of soccer) and build a better future. However, there are many concerns from Brazilians that the country is not ready to host such a huge event because there is still so much poverty and corruption.

In the pre-cup tournament last year, many Brazilians protested and called on the government to improve basic infrastructure before spending so much tax payers money on an event that is unlikely to bring long term benefits.

### WORLD CUP FACTS

- Fortaleza will host 5 matches including Brazil v Mexico on June 19th.
- 715 million people watched the 2006 final.
- Brazil has won the World Cup 5 times, more than any other nation.
- Brazil's total investment for this tournament is exceeds US\$ 13 Billion.
- Four of the twelve stadiums are still unfinished.
- School vacation has been moved back a month to coincide with the World Cup.
- City wide holidays will happen each time there is a match in a host city and across the nation when Brazil plays.

It is our prayer that the tournament will be peaceful and that as the eyes of the world focus on Brazil, it's leaders and people will be inspired to build a just and better nation for all its people.

**(PS. Come on Brazil!)**



## Update on Victoria

Last month we shared with you about one of our students who tragically lost her step-father. After a period of absence from the project we are delighted to report that she has now returned to CBC.

Please continue to pray for this little girl as she grieves for this big loss in her small family. We trust that though daily love and care, she will know the peace and presence of Christ in her life.



Our page is called 'THE CHANNEL'



## Update on Gym Bathrooms

**We are happy to report that the septic tank and water tower are now in place in the gym.**

Our need to finish this project is great. For many years we had community outreach activities in the gym and have had to cut the program short due to a lack of bathroom facilities.

We are grateful to friends who have offered their support to get us this far. However there is still much to be done inside. This includes all the ceramic tiles in the cubicles as well as the fixtures, ceiling and lighting. We should complete the project with \$ 25,000. As you read this I kindly ask you to consider a special donation or that contact us if you want to bring a group to Brazil to work in this project.



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