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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.



A Winter That Never Ends

Message from Marc Marques, Director

I think that almost everyone in the States this year is ready for the weather to change and spring to finally arrive! With it, returns our freedom to get outside and enjoy wide open spaces.

In the slums, there is a metaphorical winter of violence which our children and families long to come to an end. They hold out a flicker of hope here and there, that one gang will finally leave or the police will effectively clean up the streets. However, the storms of violence seem to keep coming.

Please pray for our children, when they ask us for prayer, it is because they need it so badly. One of our students who has consistently asked for prayer for her brother and father who were involved in drug dealing, recently lost her father who was shot dead. She almost lost her own life at the funeral where further fighting broke out.

Consequently she is devastated at the moment. Her life is collapsing around her and her season of winter has become even darker and colder. Of course, we are weeping with this little girl for her loss but we are so thankful that we are able to welcome her into our arms each day and offer the warmth and comfort of Christ's love.

Watch Now ! - New Promo Video

If you haven't done so already please take a look at our new promo video. It's 6 minutes long and features Marc and Ruth Marques talking about the needs of children in the slums of Fortaleza. You'll see the children, the classrooms and footage of the slums throughout the city.

You'll find it in the following places.

www.THECHANNEL.org - under Media / Videos

You Tube www.youtube.com/cbccares



Facebook - our page is called The Channel. If you like it, please share it with your friends or post it to your wall, so that others can see as well!

Computer Classroom

This spring we are raising awareness about the needs of our computer classroom. We want to renovate this classroom by installing a ceiling, blocking up the vents and installing a water based air conditioning system.

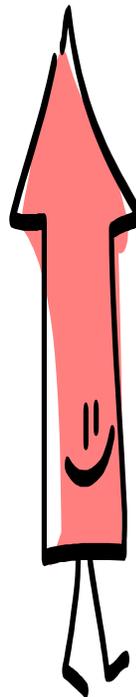
This is a project that will really pay off in terms of savings on maintenance and efficiency. We recognize the importance of computers for disadvantaged children but it is very difficult to continue buying them when we know we are putting them in an environment where their life expectancy is less than 2 years because of the excessive heat, dust and marine air.

Properly insulating the room and installing a water based cooling system (which has low running costs) will more than double the life of the computers as well as create a much more comfortable learning environment. The students will be able to spend more time learning and the teacher less time on maintenance.



If you can help in anyway, please contact the office or email Marc. cbccares@yahoo.com

Fundraising Banquet Success



Our grateful thanks to everyone who came to our Virginia Banquet, we had a great turnout. A special thank you to everyone who contributed towards our matching grant campaign and helped us reach our goal of \$10,000. Your donations have all been matched bringing the total funds raised to over \$20,000.

These funds will be used towards general running costs of the ministry.

Thank you so much!

We also would like to thank our guest speaker Shabakah Williams who shared an excellent message about how to bring hope and dignity to the children of Brazil.



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