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**This edition: The Alien Staff Meeting and more food parcels delivered!  
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## **The Alien Staff Meeting**

We are fairly sure everyone was there but we all looked a bit different and everyone had their stories to tell. Abner, our IT teacher is about to become a father and was especially cautious about social distancing. He is the one climbing up the tree.

During their first meeting together, the teachers started discussing the greatest needs of students as well as the options available to us for beginning some contact time with them.

Despite high Covid-19 case numbers in Brazil, the situation in Fortaleza has thankfully improved over the last month. There have been many cases in the community around CBC and the way forward is with maximum care and caution. Making the necessary adaptations and easing children back into learning are going to be big challenges for us. We are especially concerned about the emotional well-being of our students who have been through so much.

We still await an official go ahead to open back up and this is unlikely to be before September. **Our absolute priority and greatest desire is to serve our students and their families with the resources God has placed in our hands at this time.** Please pray for creativity and great ideas as we think and plan together.



## Such A Great Relief

On Wednesday 1st July another 6 tons of food, cleaning supplies and remarkably 3120 eggs, arrived at CBC for distribution.

We'd like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has donated to this campaign and allowed us to serve our 260 families.

Combined with the rainy season, the Covid lockdown has been painful, long and stressful in the favelas.

Recently we have seen a surge in gang violence, adding to the suffering of families who are already facing unemployment and so much uncertainty.

With your help we have been able to safely see our students and their families again, as they came into the grounds one by one, to collect a high quality parcel of food.

**THANK YOU!**

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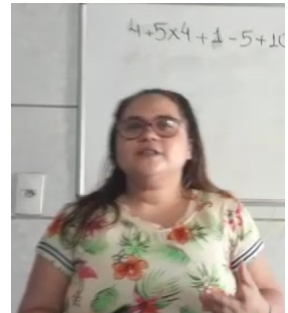
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## Words From A CBC Teacher

Here is Janiarla, our 8th grade teacher. As she shares her heart please join with us in pray for the situations that resonate with you.

“Just like the kids, I’ve been having good days and bad days. We have done everything within our reach for our beloved students but sometimes I feel that they are lacking motivation and feeling a little lost. This worries me but it makes me determined to keep up our daily contact using Whatsapp.



Some of the students have mentioned an increase in gang activity and there have been several shootings in recent days. One of the young men killed was a friend on his way to church.

What CBC students want more than ever is for the project to start back up again and for them to be able to attend classes. It is a refuge for them and a form of security. Without it they are lost.

**We are working together as a team to minister in creative ways. We need to buy them books, do reading clubs and find creative ways to meet in small, safe groups.**

A couple of days ago a student asked me to pray for a family she knows who is going hungry. The student told her friend she would do everything she could to help them.

The second food parcel is going to be a huge help. As we help our families I believe that they will also reach out and share food with those in greatest need in the slums.”

