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A Father filled with love for his children and the children of CBC

In February this year, Bill Freeman one of the Board Members of CBC passed away at his home in Ohio. This newsletter is dedicated to him and the impact his life had on three adopted Brazilian children, and hundreds more through his commitment to the project.

In 1990 I was asked by a friend to translate for an American couple that needed help at an adoption agency in Fortaleza. Bill and Karen who had travelled to Brazil hoping to adopt a baby girl. During their stay, two newborns had been abandoned in a shoebox on the front porch of the house where they were staying.

When I arrived, the Doctors were trying to explain to Bill and Karen that one of the twin baby girls was so weak that they should not wait or expect it to survive. Bill and Karen told me that they had faith that the baby would survive and wanted the Doctors to know that they would wait and pray.

I remember being so moved by their compassion and love, especially when they told me that they had already adopted a Brazilian boy who was already in America. Karen's parents were also there to give support to the new family. I kept in touch with them during their stay and watched the development of the legal adoption process.

Finally, after over a month, both babies were well enough to travel and we said goodbye.

A few years later Bill returned to Brazil and came to visit CBC. I told him what we were doing to rescue children from the streets. Bill was fascinated and told me that he would financially support our work. He said that it was a way for him to help those that he couldn't adopt. I will never forget his words *"you are doing the right thing for these children and this should be replicated all over Brazil."*

From that point on we connected, and I saw Bill going out of his way to help us financially and by networking in Ohio. He would often call me to find out what we needed and because he was a pilot, would send materials on private planes that he flew out to Brazil for different businesses. He was a great fan of the ministry and a great encourager.

I kept in close contact with Bill and travelled to Columbus Ohio to speak at his church and visit the family. In 2007, Bill called me and said that he wanted to bring his two daughters Meghan and Michelle back to Brazil to celebrate their high school graduation and to know their country of origin.

When they arrived at CBC the kids ran towards them both because they looked so Brazilian, everyone presumed that they spoke Portuguese. They got a shock when they both started speaking English with strong American accents!

The experience was extremely moving for Bill as he remembered the girls as babies 17 years earlier. I remember a few tears as we watched Michell and Meghan playing with the CBC children and realized that if it wasn't for Bill both these girls may have not survived.



Bill (far left) with Michelle, Meghan and two volunteers from their church in Ohio at CBC in 2007.

It was after this visit that I invited Bill to become a Board Member of CBC. The last time I saw him we shared a meal together at Tucanos Brazilian Restaurant in Newport News. Bill was someone who practiced the Gospel in word and deed and I will miss him greatly.

I am thankful for the opportunity to have known him and we send our heartfelt condolences to his wife Karen and daughters Michelle and Meghan.