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Quality education and training for children living in poverty in the slums of Brazil.

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**This edition: A graduate you might recognize comes back to say thanks.
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Coping With the Pandemic In Brazil

Our thanks to so many of you who have been going through a difficult time but still asking how things are going in Brazil and specifically for the children, staff and families of CBC. Brazil has been in the news a lot with a rising number of Covid-19 cases and as we write, the second highest number of deaths in the world. Getting a clear picture of the situation is difficult as testing is not as widespread as the US, and healthcare is socially divided between rich and poor.

Several of our teachers and parents believe that they have had the virus but they never had access to a test to confirm it. All of them have recovered but also know of friends and family (mostly older people), who have died from the virus.

The major problem facing Brazil is the infrastructure to support social distancing. No work = no daily income = no food.

LATEST NEEDS

We are still collecting funds for our food parcel campaign \$20 buys one family food for 14 days.

We are SO CLOSE to reaching our goal of \$6,000.

Can you or your church help sponsor some food parcels so we don't miss a single family?

A Champion Returns To Say Thanks

Adriane came to CBC in 4th grade in 2011 and spent five years with us until she finished grade 9 in 2016. If you visited CBC during this time you might remember her as the brave girl who spent the whole of recess on the soccer pitch with the boys. We recently received this letter from her.

“The time I spent being a part of the CBC family is something that I remember everyday because it makes me who I am today. They were the best 5 years of my life.

At CBC I learned that we cannot live without Christ in our hearts and lives. I came to understand that even on bad days we can be ok, simply with a word of affection, the care of a teacher or a friendly hug that turns the day around.

So many times I would arrive at the project sad and one of the teachers would come to me with an encouraging word. My favorite teacher without a shadow of a doubt was Janiarla, she was incredible. I learned so much in that year, most importantly about who I am and who I want to be as a young adult.

I loved to play soccer at every recess, but I also loved the family lunches, super Saturdays, Christmas cantatas and chapel services every Friday. I made the most of every opportunity that I had at CBC and I am so thankful for everything that happened.

Today I am studying PE at The University of Fortaleza. I am a futsal athlete and I play for the under 20s team. We were state champions in 2019. I am enjoying my studies and I feel a deep sense of gratitude to CBC for making me who I am today. If I could sum it all up in one word it would be Gratitude. I am so proud to be an alumni of CBC. Thank you Channel to Brazil for Christ.”



With the return of classes in August, setting up a regular donation can help us transform a life like Adriane.

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We've been using this lockdown time wisely to invest in improving the way we process donations and maximize the amount of funds that go directly to our program services. We want to make it safe and easy for you too.

A monthly gift of \$40 (\$1.33 per day) supports one of our 260 registered children. That's 20 hours of education per week and a hot nutritious meal everyday.

“Regular giving is absolutely the best way to support the ministry of CBC!”

Please visit www.thechannel.org/donate to check out our new giving platform where you can sign up to make secure recurring gifts from your debit/credit card, or directly from your bank account. Of course you can continue to give using checks payable to Channel to Brazil for Christ (CBC), if you prefer.

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